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100 Tories could back referendum

Britain may be frozen out by hostile EU

BY CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS AND JILL SHERMAN

AN EMOTIONAL attack on London by Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, raised the pressure in the beef war yesterday and cast vivid light on the way John Major's obstruction campaign over beef is fuelling continental ideas for sidelining Britain in a new-look European Union.

Up to 100 Tory backbenchers are also expected tomorrow to exploit the deteriorating relations with Brussels by backing a Bill calling for a referendum on Britain's future role in Europe. Tory Euro-sceptics were incensed by Mr Santer's intervention but argued that it offered ammunition for their case and would strengthen tomorrow's backbench rebellion.

Bill Cash, a leading Eurosceptic, seized on Mr Santer's words in an attempt to rally support for his Bill. "This man is no more than an unelected bureaucratic official," he said. "He really does not have any kind of democratic status whatever and it is monstrous that someone like that should be dictating terms to us."

However, because of government opposition, Mr Cash's ten-minute-rule Bill is unlikely to make progress. If it were to be successful, it would have no hope of becoming law this session because

the Government is not obliged to make parliamentary time for it.

Nevertheless, a big rebellion of Tory MPs would be highly embarrassing for the Government because it would highlight party splits and increase pressure for a more hardline approach towards Brussels over the future development of Europe.

Mr Santer's blast, in which he spoke of an approaching "moment of truth" if Britain confined itself to sabotage EU business, testified to the extreme exasperation which the Government's beef tactics are generating in all 14 other member states and the Commission.

"We are going as far as the limit of our possible tolerance and all the members' tolerance," the normally emollient Mr Santer said in an interview in *The Observer*. People were now asking, he said, whether "Europe would be better off without Britain".

The blocking drive has inflamed longstanding frustration with Britain's approach to Europe, prompting universal condemnation and widespread public anger. In so doing, it is spurring schemes, backed by the more federal-minded states, for a multi-speed EU that would keep Britain at arm's length from an inner core. The schemes

are circulating at the inter-governmental conference negotiations for revising the Maastricht treaty. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign secretary, attends the latest IGC round in Luxembourg today.

Last night British ministers tried to play down Mr Santer's comments in a deliberate attempt to lower the temperature. Although they refused to respond directly to his remarks, they made clear that the policy of non-cooperation would continue until the EU agreed to a framework to lift the ban on British beef.

The strongest outburst so far from Mr Santer was aimed at jolting the Government out of an intransigent attitude that threatens to derail the EU summit in Florence at the end of next week. EU officials said yesterday. Like many diplomats from states friendly to Britain, Mr Santer is worried that patience with Britain's odd-man-out approach is close to snapping.

Portugal, an old ally, has joined Germany in the hard-line camp over beef. President Chirac, who sided with Mr Major in the drive to lift the beef by-products ban, has shifted back towards Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor.

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David Ward, who donated part of his liver to his daughter Lani, was made "Dad of the Year" yesterday. Page 3



Anti-Mitchell Unionists threaten to disrupt talks

BY NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

UNIONISTS are threatening to disrupt today's historic all-party talks on the future of Northern Ireland in protest at the appointment of George Mitchell, the former American senator and President Clinton's as the overall chairman.

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, will try to block the appointment when the two Prime Ministers, John Major and John Bruton, formally hand over the proceedings.

John Taylor, deputy leader of the Ulster Unionists, used blunt language last night to register his opposition to Mr Mitchell. As he arrived for a meeting with Mr Mitchell, the MP for Strangford said: "I see him very much in the American Irish camp coming to preside over talks about the future of Northern Ireland. It is the equivalent of appointing an American Serb to preside

over talks about the future of Croatia."

The IRA faced overwhelming pressure on both sides of the Irish border to renew its ceasefire that would allow Sinn Fein to join the talks at the Stormont Castle buildings. Cardinal Cahal Daly, the Primate of All Ireland, said that Sinn Fein's absence would be regrettable. He led the calls for peace with a blunt message to the IRA that it faced a "moral obligation and political imperative" to act.

His calls were echoed by an opinion poll in the Dublin Sunday Tribune which showed that 97 per cent of the people of Northern Ireland wanted an IRA ceasefire. The poll also found that 84 per cent of Sinn Fein's supporters wanted a ceasefire.

Sinn Fein refused yesterday to be drawn on whether the IRA would renew its ceasefire.

John McGuinness, the par-

ty's chief negotiator, repeatedly refused to say on BBC's Breakfast with Frost whether he had called on the IRA to restore its ceasefire.

A senior republican source said that there was still a chance that the IRA would declare a ceasefire to allow Sinn Fein to join the talks, although possibly not in time for today's opening ceremony.

The source said that Sinn Fein was encouraged by Mr Mitchell's appointment.

□ A man shot dead in West Belfast last night was believed to be the fifth victim of the bloody internal feud within the Irish National Liberation Army. Republican sources in West Belfast indicated that the man was murdered by supporters of Gino Gallagher, the INLA's former chief-of-staff, who was shot dead in January.

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Britons left in Miami after refusing to fly 'unsafe' jet

BY DAVID ADAMS IN ORLANDO AND EMMA WILKINS

A GROUP of 91 British holidaymakers were left at Orlando airport in Miami with just their hand luggage yesterday after refusing to board a flight home because they believed the jet was unsafe. The flight had earlier been delayed by technical problems.

Charter operator Excalibur Airways reassured 246 other passengers that the DC10 was safe and they arrived in Manchester yesterday morning after a 4,000-mile flight.

The passengers who stayed,

including some children, spent the night in the departure lounge. They were told they had no right to seats on another plane and would have to pay for their flight home.

David Goldberg, from Doncaster, who paid for his pregnant wife, Susan, to fly home on a later Virgin flight said: "This has turned into a complete nightmare. We have been left with just the clothes

we are standing in, virtually no money and apart from soft drunks and packets of nuts we have been supplied with absolutely zero."

Passengers said problems began before they boarded the flight. They watched as emergency crews wearing gas masks boarded the plane, causing a five-hour delay.

When passengers eventually

boarded they noticed reading lights flashing above the seats.

As the plane began to taxi to the runway, they said they could smell burning.

"Between rows 30 and 35, there was smoke coming through the air-conditioner vents," said Tony Eastlake, 46, from the Isle of Man. He said he and several other passengers demanded to be allowed off before Captain Hugh Jones announced that they were returning to the terminal.

Two hours later, after engineers traced the problem to

the air-conditioning system,

the plane was declared safe and passengers were asked to board again. But despite personal assurances from Captain Jones, 91 of them decided the plane was not safe and decided to remain in Orlando.

The captain addressed the

passengers in small groups.

He warned them that they

faced paying for alternative

seats if they refused to board.

"I tried to reassure the passengers that my prime concern was safety," he said. "I tried to tell them that I wouldn't have gone on board, because I value my own life and those of my crew and passengers, if I wasn't completely satisfied that it was safe. Even so, they decided to stay behind."

Duty free goods were re-

moved for the 91 passengers.

However, flight officials re-

fused to remove their luggage.

"They were trying to use

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Disappointing England start

After England's disappointing 1-1 draw with Switzerland at the start of Euro 96, Spain and Bulgaria drew 1-1 at Leeds in a game in which a player from each side was sent off. Germany, the favourites, beat the Czech Republic 2-0. Pages 25-29

Power selling

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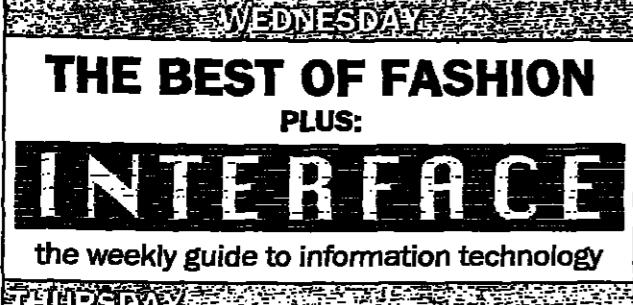
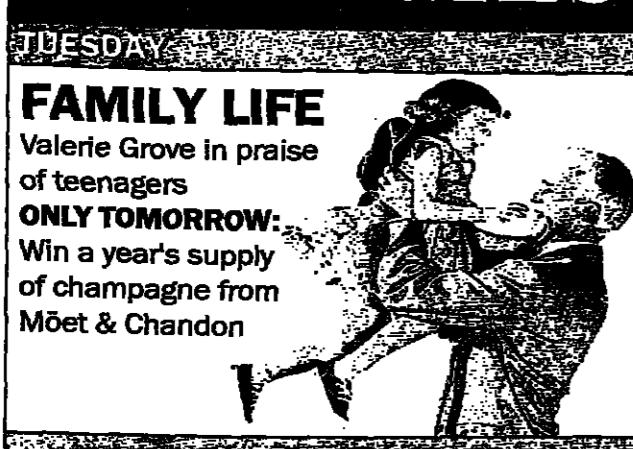
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Who wants what from Irish peace talks

BY NICHOLAS WATT
CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR and John Bruton will open the historic all-party talks on the future of Northern Ireland at Stormont at 2pm today.

Nine political parties — excluding Sinn Féin if the IRA refuses to restore its ceasefire — will sit around a table as the two Prime Ministers hand over the chairmanship to George Mitchell, the former US senator. The Rev Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist leader, is threatening to block Mr. Mitchell's appointment at this point, arguing that he is too sympathetic to the nationalists.

If Mr. Mitchell does take over, he will then call on every political party formally to declare their commitment to the six principles of non-violence outlined in his commission's report on terrorist arms. The opening session, which could last weeks, will follow a timetable laid down by Britain and Ireland:

- Appointment of business committee to co-ordinate talks, chaired by General John de Chastelain, a member of Mr. Mitchell's commission.
- Political parties will make opening statements setting out their positions on core issues.
- Discussion of "comprehensive agenda".

□ Mr. Mitchell will chair sub-committee on arms while the general chairs committee on Northern Ireland's relations with the Irish Republic. The British Government will oversee committee on internal affairs of Northern Ireland, while the two Governments will chair committee on Anglo-Irish relations.

□ The main plenary will meet again at the end of September.

□ Four men were still being held yesterday by police investigating the IRA bomb in London's Docklands in February. Two men have been freed.



David Trimble, Ulster Unionist Party (which won 24.2 per cent of vote in May 30 election), insists that talks cannot move beyond opening session until IRA and loyalists begin to disarm. Unhappy with George Mitchell's chairmanship of talks because UUP believes his close association with President Clinton makes him sympathetic to nationalists. Rejects 1995 Anglo-Irish framework document, which would set up power-sharing executive in Ulster and cross-border bodies with Dublin.



John Hume, Social Democratic and Labour Party (21.4 per cent) wants the IRA to "lay down its arms for ever" but takes a softer line on decommissioning. He says Unionists are wrong to demand decommissioning as talks begin, but that republicans are equally wrong to say it cannot happen until the conclusion of talks. Believes that framework document provides best hope for settlement. Will join the talks without Sinn Féin, but is unlikely to reach serious agreement with other parties until Sinn Féin joins.



Ian Paisley, Democratic Unionist Party (18.5 per cent), will not talk to Sinn Féin until IRA has disbanded. Will reject a snap IRA ceasefire as cynical ploy to win Sinn Féin a seat at talks. Rejects Mr. Mitchell as "envoy of a foreign government" and will try to displace him at today's opening session. Angry that John Bruton will preside at opening ceremony with John Major. Rejects framework document. Will resist any attempt to negotiate Northern Ireland's position within United Kingdom.



Gerry Adams, Sinn Féin (15.5 per cent) says party should be admitted to talks on its share of vote. Rejects demand for IRA ceasefire as unacceptable "pre-condition". Insists that decommissioning can take place only as part of overall settlement. Encouraged by appointment of Mr. Mitchell because Sinn Féin wants Northern Ireland problem to be "internationalised". Accepts the six Mitchell principles of non-violence. Welcomed framework document but sees it as interim settlement on way to united Ireland.



Bob McCartney, United Kingdom Unionists (3.7 per cent). Will not talk to Sinn Féin or loyalist parties with links to paramilitaries until terrorist groups have disbanded. Takes similar tough stance on constitutional issues as the Democratic Unionists. Hopes to attract Roman Catholics to his party because he wants non-sectarian Union. Rejected framework document. Wants a Bill of Rights.



David Ervine, Progressive Unionist Party (3.5 per cent), has links with Ulster Volunteer Force. Insists UVF will not decommission until IRA disarms. Says Sinn Féin can join talks only if IRA declares ceasefire. Responded positively to framework document, but insists any weakening of Ulster's position within United Kingdom will undermine loyalist ceasefire.



Gary McMichael, Ulster Democratic Party (2.2 per cent) has links with Ulster Defence Association. Same position on decommissioning as Progressive Unionists. More wary of framework document for giving such a large role to Dublin. Party has a freer hand at talks than PUP because it has better relationship with UDA than PUP has with Ulster Volunteer Force.



Monica McWilliams, Women's Coalition (1.03 per cent). Wants to break from traditional "Orange and Green" politics and redress the imbalance in low numbers of women in NI politics. Mala-chi Curran, Labour (0.88 per cent). Unofficial Labour because British party does not organise in province. Campaigned to reject "state sectarian policies".

Hostile EU may freeze Britain out

Continued from page 1 after sounding off to visitors on what he saw as the folly of Mr. Major's campaign.

Jean-Luc Dehaene, Prime Minister of Belgium, said over the weekend that "Europe would never yield to 'British blackmail'". The word "blackmail" is also being wielded by officials from the Nordic states which are Britain's soulmates

in many EU matters. A senior British diplomat in Brussels said that Britain's desire was a rapid return to business as usual. "This policy is intended to be a lever, not a bludgeon," he said. The best outcome would be a decision by EU leaders at the Florence summit on a framework for winding down the ban, which would then be administered by the

Brussels Commission. Officials from Italy and the Irish Republic, the present and next holders of the EU presidency, are busy sounding out possible compromises. However, resistance is so stiff from Germany and its allies that all the signs are pointing to a Florence debacle.

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Britons left stranded in Miami

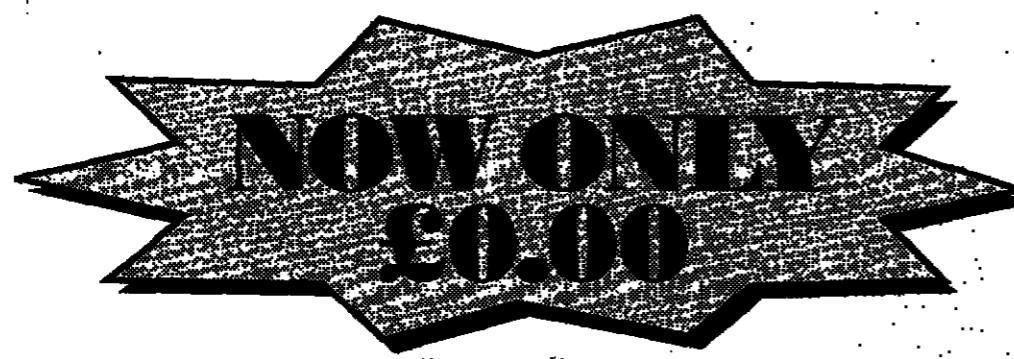
Continued from page 1 emotional blackmail on us," said Keith Jaram, 42, an electrical engineer from Doncaster. "There were kids screaming 'Don't take us on the plane'."

Mr Goldberg, 30, said: "We noticed a terrible smell. It seemed like something electrical and burning. Finally smoke came out of the air-

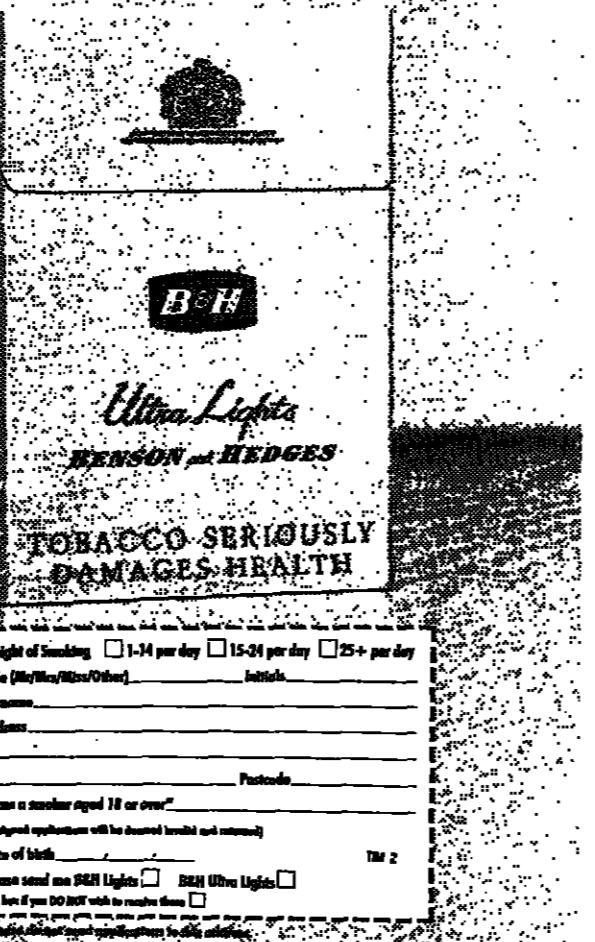
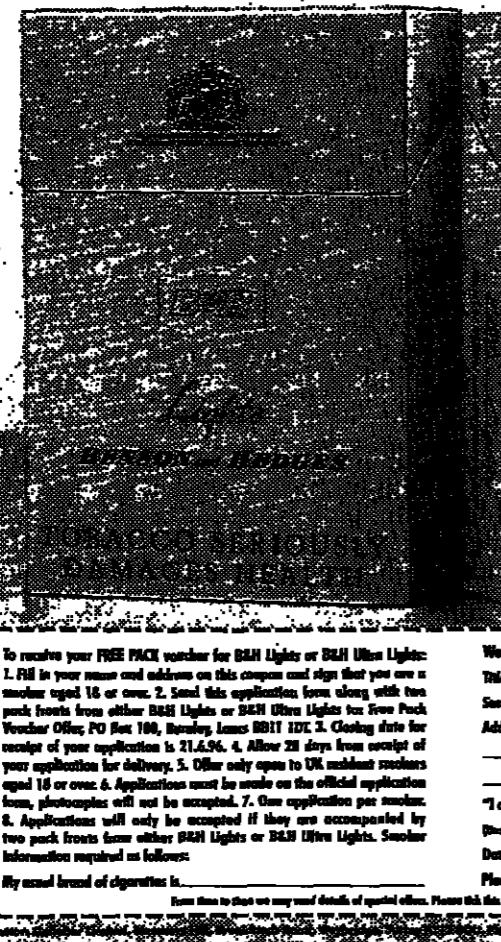
conditioning ducts. All the lights in the cabin were flashing — it was a bit like a disco."

Mr Goldberg also claimed emergency exits were stuck and would not open.

A spokesman for Excalibur said: "Mr Goldberg's claims are nonsense. He is just trying to justify his decision not to fly. Of course the emergency exits weren't blocked — the captain



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Boy dies
in sand
quarry

AN ATTEMPT to break out of a schoolboy sand quarry under way when nearly 100 tons of earth would be removed. Jordan Gibbons, 12, had gone to the quarry near the Durham town of Consett. There were two children in a soft metal cage of some kind which had collapsed and fractured several feet from the edge. Gavin Jeffries, 11, and James, 11, clambered into the cage, trying to save their friend, rushing to get help. By the time fire services arrived, the father of the boy, Arthur Gibbons, had found his son dead in the sand trap and chest. Michael Middle, the tunnel and earth removals contractor on Jordan Gibbons' site, called again, with a policeman, and a neighbour. They had to wait for the police to arrive. Middle said his workers had been told to leave the site. Other workers, and Mr. Gibbons' partner, Jordan Gibbons, had to leave the site. The police have called for the children to play in the sand traps.

Sorry, old
a persona

By ALAN HUTCHINSON
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NHS ambulance rides to rescue on 2,850-mile trip

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

AN NHS trust ambulance made a 2,850-mile round trip to bring a patient home from hospital in Spain and charged less than half the price of a London taxi for the job.

When Jean Ward tripped and dislocated her hip while visiting her sister near Alicante she was taken to a local hospital for an emergency operation. The treatment was successful but when her family in Britain tried to bring her

home complications began. Mrs Ward, 67, had no medical insurance and, with her leg in traction, faced six weeks in a hospital bed looked after by staff whose language she did not speak. Her son Alan investigated every form of transport by land, sea and air to bring his mother home.

An air ambulance company quoted £17,000 to make the journey. A repatriation company wanted £4,500 and com-

mercial airlines said they would charge up to £2,000 to set up a stretcher plus the cost of nine seats to accommodate it. A boat was ruled out as too slow. That left land transport.

Mr Ward said: "I would never have thought of asking an ambulance to collect her because it is a public service, but someone suggested we try, so we did."

Surrey Ambulance NHS Trust, in common with many others, has four private ambulances available for hire. Profits are ploughed back into the NHS.

Derek Swan, the manager, said: "She was stuck out there and no one was prepared to help. The family were at the end of their tether."

Mr Swan offered to do the round trip for £2,188 — 77p a mile — and the company Mr Ward works for, Esteban Engineering, agreed to put up the cash, which was later paid by the family. A London taxi, clocking up the fare on the meter, would have charged £5,500 — about £2 a mile.

Mr Swan said: "It was a one-off price offered as a favour. We didn't lose on it; we are not allowed to."

The ambulance driven by paramedics Steve Banks and Diane Withers, accompanied by Mrs Ward's daughter Jennifer, took 30 hours to make the outward trip from Banstead, Surrey, to Orihuela, a village 20 miles south of Alicante, and 24 hours on the return to Stevenage, Hertfordshire, where Mrs Ward lives.

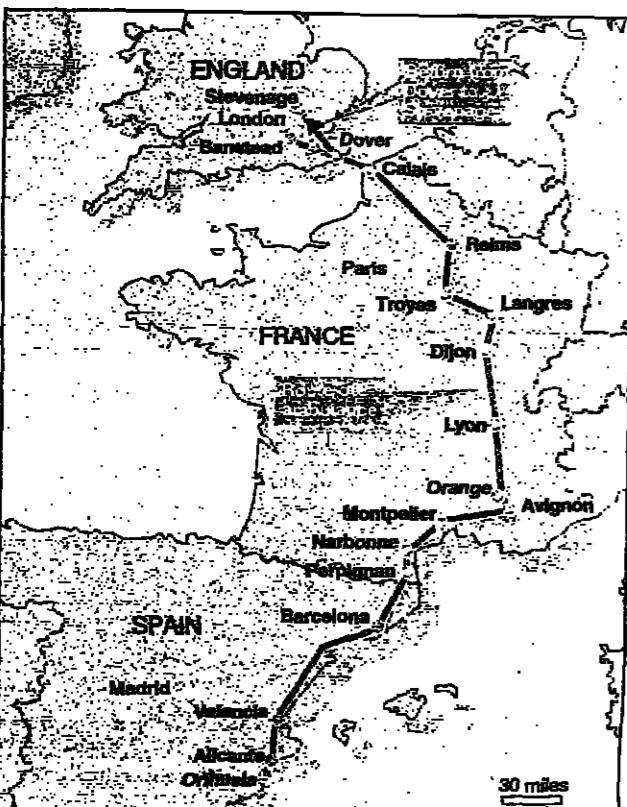
Mrs Ward said: "We met every kind of weather; thick fog, torrential rain and 90 degree heat."

Mrs Ward said she never had a moment's hesitation about undertaking the journey. "I knew the best thing was to get on that ambulance and the quicker we got on with it the better. It was exhausting but the crew were brilliant."

Mrs Ward had travelled with her sister and they believed they were insured because they had bought their air tickets with her sister's Barclaycard. But the cover applied only to the holder of the card.



Steve Banks, who drove the ambulance from Surrey to Spain and then to Hertfordshire in 54 hours



30 miles



Jean Ward recovering in her garden after the long-distance ride home

Boy dies in sand quarry

AN ATTEMPT to save the life of schoolboy trapped in a quarry under sand and rubble nearly cost the lives of four would-be rescuers.

Jordan Gibson, 9, and two friends had gone to play at the quarry near their home in Durham on Saturday evening. They were digging a cave into a soft, nearly vertical face of sand when the roof collapsed and trapped Jordan seven feet from the surface. Gavin Jeffries, 10, and Paul James, 11, clawed at the sand, trying to save him, before rushing to get help.

By the time the emergency services arrived, the boy's father Arthur had managed to clear the sand from his son's face and chest. A paramedic, Michael Midgley, went into the tunnel and put an oxygen mask on Jordan. But the sand collapsed again, trapping him with a policeman, a fireman and a neighbour. "The lad was up to his waist in the sand but there were no signs of life," Mr Midgley said last night.

Other rescuers dug them out, and Mr Midgley accompanied Jordan to Bishop Auckland hospital, trying in vain to revive him. Residents have called for the site where children play to be fenced off.

Police want to question robber on M25 murder

BY STEWART TENDERLER AND JOANNA BALE

KENNETH NOYE, who stabbed and killed an undercover Scotland Yard detective investigating the £26 million Brink's-Mat gold bullion robbery, is wanted for questioning by Kent police about the "road rage" murder of Stephen Cameron on the M25.

Police sources said yesterday that Noye was among those whom detectives would like to eliminate from their list of possible suspects. Noye, who lives in West Kingsdown, Kent, near the scene of the

murder in Swanley last month, flew to Spain the day after and is believed to be there still. He was sentenced to 14 years in 1986 for his part in the Brink's-Mat robbery and was released in 1994 after serving eight years.

He is not regarded as a prime suspect for the killing but his name is among a number of leads. Detectives acknowledge that Noye is one of a number of people who appear to resemble the computer impression of the mur-

derer issued after the killing. They are also investigating what vehicles he has driven recently.

Noye was arrested in January 1985 after Detective Constable John Fordham was stabbed to death in the garden of his home. Detective Constable Fordham and other officers were hiding outside the house keeping watch on Noye as a suspect for laundering bullion from the robbery.

Fordham had been flushed out of his hide by Noye's dogs in the dark. At his trial, Noye said Fordham was dressed in black and prowling around his garden. He thought the policeman was a violent intruder and acted in self-defence. He was cleared of murder.

The parents of Mr Cameron spoke yesterday of the torment of knowing that his killer is still at large. Ken and Toni Cameron said their son was "a waste" that had ruined their lives. Mr Cameron said: "As long as they get him, I just can't wait for that day. Obviously, the longer it goes on the harder it is for us. Until this 'thing' is caught we can't even bury our son — we are just in limbo."



Kenneth Noye, left, and the computer impression of the man who stabbed Stephen Cameron to death

Sorry, old chap, we're giving you a personal premature exit deal

BY ALAN HAMILTON

HAS YOUR employer told you lately that he is rationalising, de-layering, restructuring or shaping up for tomorrow? Has he mentioned democratic streamlining, organisational realignment, production schedule rearrangement initiatives or business process re-engineering? Tough luck: you're fired.

Bosses can no longer bring themselves to sack people. In this age of weasel wordage, they downsize, radically examine their overheads, refocus their strategic direction, meet market imperatives, manage out, offer personal

opportunity, being helped out of a rut, or are being offered a career realignment scheme. It all comes to the same thing, buddy: you're out of a job.

The GMB general union estimates that nearly seven million workers have been sacked since 1979. To coincide with the opening of its conference in Blackpool today, it has used company reports and the first-hand experience of its officials to compile a list of 50 excuses for scrapping jobs.

Workers about to be handed their P45s are variously told that they have made themselves redundant, have priced themselves out of the market, are being given a career

survey follows an admission by Stephen Roach, an American academic who coined the word "downsizing", that his theory of sacking lots of workers may not be the answer to every business problem.

Employers, lacking the guts to look workers in the eye, come up with excuses couched in cowardly double-speak. "We are creating flatter organisational structures" or "We are meeting market imperatives." They might, on the other hand, re-rate your future, or invite you to FIFO ("Fit in or . . .") — fill in the missing words yourself. The

managers of disinformation.

John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB, said the management style of the 1980s needed consigning to the dustbin. "This approach to dealing with your staff is patronising and duplicitous. If the guru of downsizing has given up, then so should the managers of disinformation."

Honour for father who saved daughter

BY LIN JENKINS

A FATHER who gave part of his liver to save his baby daughter's life has been awarded the accolade "Top Dad" of the year.

David Ward made the donation to his daughter Lani, now aged three, after an operation for a life-threatening condition failed.

Mr Ward was the first father to donate part of his liver in that way. Two earlier operations had involved donor mothers. Michelle Ward was pregnant with her fourth child at the time and doctors said that the operation could not wait.

Mr Ward, 31, from Cockfield, West Sussex, volunteered to undergo tests to see if he would be suitable. When he was found to be a good match he and his daughter had surgery at King's College Hospital in south London.

Lani, who was born with partially formed bile ducts that did not allow bile to drain from her liver, had her first operation when she was five weeks old. The procedure failed to rectify the problem and as she approached her first birthday it was decided that she needed part of a donor liver.

"She has been much better since the operation," said Mr Ward, who gave up about one third of his liver. "Any father would have done the same in the circumstances. I felt extremely fortunate to be able to help."

Lani, like her three brothers and sisters, believes her father is the best in the world. But was her mother who nominated David for the award on Lani's behalf, wrote a brief account of what had happened and sent it to the award's organisers, the Guild of British Tie Makers.

Colin Deas, chairman of the guild, said that more than 500 children nominated their father as special for this year's award. "The award marks the forthcoming Fathers' Day, which, while it does not yet enjoy the high profile of Mother's Day, provides children with the opportunity to give their special dads a pat on the back."

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Boy lives after being run over by lorry

BY LIN JENKINS

A BOY aged two who was run over by a lorry and dragged down the road escaped with only minor injuries. Kierron Luck was recovering at home yesterday with only the tyre marks on his back, some large bruises and grazing.

PC Chris Marshall, who arrived as Kierron was being taken into an ambulance, said: "He should have died. It is unbelievable that he survived. He has got a lot of grazing and bruising but nothing is broken."

He believes Kierron slipped through the gate of the front garden on his home in Broxburn, Nottingham, and began playing under the parked Mercedes lorry.

The lorry, which operates as a mobile shop, was parked while David Beck served customers on the estate. He got into the cab and drove off, unaware that the boy was underneath. Kierron's screams alerted bystanders who shouted at the driver and signalled to him to stop.

"When the van moved off he became tangled for a period of time and was dragged down the road for about ten yards. The driver then stopped and naturally he was very upset," PC Marshall said.

Sam Leatherland, 17, Kierron's half sister, pulled him out from under the lorry. "He was lying in the road screaming," she said.

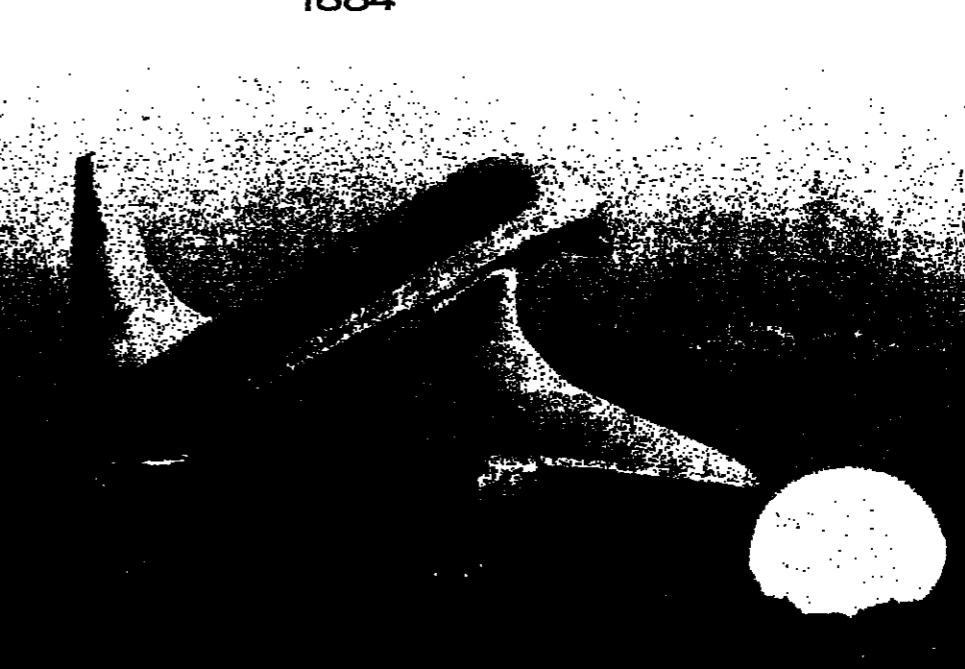
He was taken to hospital and kept under observation before being allowed home at the weekend.

Children's bones are more flexible than adult ones and instead of snapping, often break and partially break like a fresh young shoot, hence the term "green-stick fracture" (Dr Thomas Staniford writes).

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Encouraging start to championship as fewer arrests are made than at the average FA Cup final

Police praise goodwill of fans as Euro 96 kicks off

By JOHN GOODBODY, PAUL WILKINSON AND ADRIAN LEE

ONLY 44 fans were arrested in football-related incidents in London on Saturday, fewer than for the average FA Cup final, police said yesterday. The first Euro 96 matches were played with goodwill between supporters and law enforcement.

After the opening game at Wembley on Saturday, Commander John Purnell, who heads the policing of Euro 96 in London, praised the behaviour of the English and Swiss supporters, saying: "This is an encouraging start. Although this match was not one which gave us the greatest concern in terms of potential disorder from rival fans, it was very pleasing to see the overwhelming majority of the sell-out crowd behaving sensibly and enjoying the game." The atmosphere was the friendliest he could recall for an international, he added.

The only potential trouble was when a large crowd of English supporters heard that

about 300 Swiss supporters had gathered in Leicester Square. Police brought in vans, officers on horseback and dog-handlers and forced the Swiss supporters back into the square. Two English supporters were led away by police.

At Elland Road in Leeds, where Bulgaria drew 1-1 with Spain, the ground was less than three-quarters full although several thousand Spanish supporters made up with a constant drum beat and rhythmic chanting.

By the end of the match West Yorkshire Police reported no football-related arrests or incidents throughout the city. Superintendent George Robinson, in charge of policing the ground, said: "The crowd was noisy but very well behaved. It was a superb, friendly atmosphere throughout."

Well-rehearsed plans normally used for Leeds United's Premiership matches ensured

that rival supporters were kept well apart. However the authorities reported a smaller number of followers than predicted for the visiting national sides.

A free tented village set up on the outskirts of Leeds in the grounds of Temple Newsam House had fewer than 2,000 places taken up.

In Sheffield, where yesterday's third match was played at Hillsborough, an extra 800 officers were on duty for the Denmark-Portugal game. All 39,750 tickets for the game were sold. All police leave and training for the 10 days of the preliminary matches has been cancelled.

South Yorkshire Police devised an elaborate traffic-management scheme to bring an estimated 500 coaches of rival supporters from opposite sides of the city to parking areas a quarter of a mile apart at opposite ends of the ground.

An officer boarded each coach to remind supporters to

leave prohibited items, from large flags to drinks cans, on the coach.

Police created a traffic-free area around the ground, preventing entry to people without valid tickets. Supporters were body-searched at the turnstiles and prohibited items confiscated. When Turkey plays on June 19, searchers will look for flares and other fireworks, which will be dumped in water-filled barrels.

Another Turkish tradition, of arriving at the ground up to six hours before kick-off to sing and chant, might cause difficulties as the ground is not due to open until three hours before the match. However if there is a build-up the gates will be opened earlier.

In Manchester, supporters from Germany and the Czech Republic mingled without trouble and police said there were no arrests before the game. "We are very pleased, we have had no problems at

the airport or in the city centre," a spokesman for Greater Manchester Police said.

More than 9,000 German and 6,500 Czech fans were expected in the city for its first match yesterday and began arriving on Saturday. Few ventured into the city centre and those who did chose not to

wear shirts or scarves in their

team colours. Two German police officers, working as undercover "spotters" during the championship, went on patrol with their British counterparts.

Police in Birmingham are worried about the match tonight between Holland and Scotland, fearing that supporters may have bought up spare tickets outside their allocated

area of Villa Park. Colin Macdonald, the match-day commander, said police knew where the official Dutch and Scottish were sitting but they did not know the identities of some supporters in other parts of the stadium. Police were not happy with the situation, he said.

"The Scottish Football Association have told me that they take pride in their fans being better behaved than the English — it's not very hard," Macdonald said.

If a Scots supporter is sitting beside a Dutch supporter and they are behaving then great. If they're going to play up, we will deal with them effectively."

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Colin Weir, a Scotland supporter, resting up in Birmingham yesterday where his team takes on Holland today

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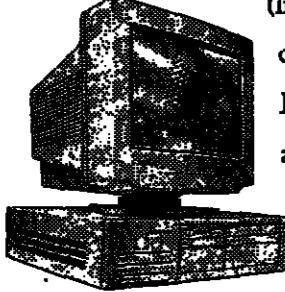
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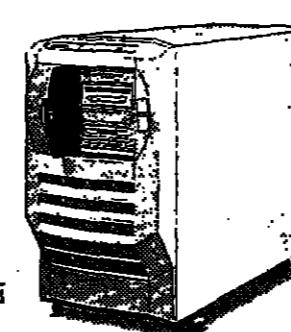
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Brave, but irritable: what head thought of Prince Philip

BY ALAN HAMILTON

INTELLIGENT, courageous, with a strong sense of fair play, but a dangerously short fuse: the 1938 school report on the 17-year-old boy captures with rare accuracy the character of the later man.

The Duke of Edinburgh, 75 today, will be confronted with the assessment by his Gordonstoun headmaster for the first time in many years when he accompanies the Queen this morning to open an exhibition on his life at the Guildhall in Windsor.

The report has been lent by Edinburgh University, which was given it by the Duke in 1952. Kurt Hahn, who established Gordonstoun after fleeing Nazi Germany, was remarkably perceptive about his star pupil.

Prince Philip has unusual courage and endurance ... and does not know what boredom is when intent on discharging his duties. The lure of the moment remains his danger ... He has the makings of a first-class organiser. He is both kind and firm. As a leader of games he is at times too irritable."

Hahn describes Prince Philip's public spirit as "exemplary", and writes in the



Prince Philip, left to right, as a schoolboy in Paris, taking part in a "biscuit-eating race"; competing in an inter-school high jump in 1935, when he was at Gordonstoun; and at 75

box marked *Sense of justice*:

"Never failing where he has to consider other people's rights or interests; when balked in his plans, still inclined to jump to angry conclusions." That familiar short fuse again.

The Duke, who attended

Hahn's previous school in southern Germany in 1933, became *Guardian* or head boy, in his final year at Gordonstoun. Hahn, clearly wishing to impress Philip's guardian of the time, his uncle Earl Mountbatten, writes of the teenager's academic prowess: "Prince Philip has literary appreciation. He has an unusual grasp of cause and effect in human affairs. This is particularly evident in his historical studies. He has a great talent for languages. His understanding of mathematical prob-

lems is sound. In scientific work he shows definite powers of observation."

That the young Prince was both observant and literate is shown by two pages from his log aboard HMS *Valiant* during the Battle of Cape Matapan in 1942, which

graphically describe his ship's encounter with two of the enemy when they thought there was only one.

Midshipman HRH Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark, RN, was manning the searchlight. The idea that there might have been another ship with the one we were firing at never entered my head, so it was some few moments before I was persuaded to relinquish the blinding target and search for another one I had no reason to believe was there ... As the enemy was so close, the light

did not illuminate the whole ship ... The effect was rather like flashing a strong torch on a small model about 5 yards away." Prince Philip was mentioned in dispatches.

Tim O'Donovan, a retired insurance broker who gives *The Times* the number of engagements carried out by each member of the Royal Family during the previous year, contacted nearly 300 of the 500 organisations which which the Duke is connected to assemble the exhibition for Windsor and Maidenhead Council.

The result is a roomful of photographs and letters illuminating a life of presenting, opening, planting and lecturing; souvenirs, from biscuit tins to powder compacts, depicting the Duke as a matinee idol; and family photographs. One myth the exhibition tries to dispel is that the Duke is Greek. He is, if anything, Danish, but Mr O'Donovan could not persuade the Royal Archives at Windsor to lend the Duke's original Danish passport.

HRH Prince Philip 75th Birthday Exhibition: The Guildhall, High Street, Windsor, June 10 July 7. Admission £2.

Opt-out schools cleared to select half their pupils

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to allow all grant-maintained schools to select up to 50 per cent of their pupils by aptitude are expected to be approved by the Cabinet this week, after a long-running battle between the Education Secretary and Downing Street.

A White Paper to be published later this month will also outline proposals to make it easier for any school to become a grammar school even when this is opposed by the local education authority.

Balots may be held of parents and governors with the aim of ensuring that every large town has at least one grammar school. Last night Mrs Shephard denied that there was any rift between herself and the Prime Minister over the proposals but it appears that she has had to bow to Mr Major's demands for more selection.

The Downing Street Policy Unit had been pressing for more radical reforms. At present, grant-maintained schools can select only 10 per

cent of their pupils without referring to the Secretary of State. Mrs Shephard had agreed to extend this to 20 per cent but had balked at raising it to 50 per cent for all schools.

It is now thought that she has reached a compromise with Mr Major to allow schools to have varying levels of selection. Grant-maintained schools will be allowed a maximum of 50 per cent unless they apply formally to become a grammar schools.

Comprehensive schools and specialist colleges which have not opted out of local authority control will be able to select between 15 and 20 per cent.

The White Paper will go to a Cabinet sub-committee this week. Education sources said there were still some aspects to be finalised but they expected the document to be approved.

The White Paper is expected to include a plan to allow a school to become a grammar school where this is supported by teachers, governors and parents — possibly through local ballots.

"We mean to make it very, very much easier for there to be selective schools, grammar schools, where parents and teachers and governors want it," Mrs Shephard said on GMTV's *Sunday Programme*.

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, attacked the Government's plans. "A grammar school in every town would create thousands of secondary modern schools as parents and children are denied the right of entry to the school of their choice," he said.

This week John Prescott, the deputy Labour leader, is expected to give a speech at Ruskin College, Oxford, defending the comprehensive system and emphasising the need for children to have equal opportunities. Mr Prescott last night denied reports that he disagreed with the call, made by Tony Blair on Friday, for pupils at comprehensive schools to be grouped according to ability in certain subjects.

The decision by Ms Brown to prevent her pupils from seeing the play caused an outcry among politicians and some teachers. She later apologised.

German students better at maths'

BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

GERMAN pupils perform better at mathematics than their British peers because more is expected of them, a report published today claims.

A comparison of examination papers found German students were often required to think problems through, while GCSE and national curriculum questions gave more help with solutions. Sue Chandler, an experienced A-level and GCSE textbook writer and author of the report, said the English and Welsh question papers tended to break down the stages of calculations and demanded less initiative.

However, a leading examination board described some of her evidence as superficial and a "slight on teachers". The report will add to the controversy surrounding the teaching of mathematics. Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, said [last week] that more whole-class teach-



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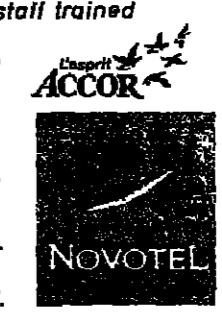
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Mellor criticises festival 'fumble'

BY ALICE THOMSON

DAVID MELLOR told the Government yesterday that its planning for the millennium celebrations was on the point of becoming "a complete farce".

The former National Heritage Secretary made clear that he thought Virginia Bottomley, the current incumbent, had made a mess of the proposed grand exhibition at Greenwich and that the project would not live up to expectations.

Mr Mellor said that Mrs Bottomley, who is in charge of the Greenwich festival, lacked any sense of leadership. "The festival is on the edge of becoming a complete farce. The amount of jumbling and quite frankly — ineptitude into which we have plunged into this matter must be resolved urgently."

His intervention, on ITV's *CrossTalk*, puts even more pressure on Mrs



Mellor and Bottomley: leadership questioned

Bottomley over the festival, which seems increasingly likely to be scrapped. The Greenwich project has been awarded £200 million of National Lottery funds if it can come up with £150 million by this Friday and a further £150 million from tourist revenues.

Few companies have shown interest in sponsorship and it has recently become apparent that it will be extremely expensive to renovate the disused gasworks on the site.

Mr Mellor said: "I think we should have had some great millennium buildings. But with 3½ years to go we will only be able to have something monumental by the next millennium."

Mr Bottomley said yesterday: "We have got a good site, a wonderful designer, imagination and a thrilling concept." She was confident the money would be found.

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English Heritage urges £100m facelift for Tower

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE setting of the Tower of London is a national disgrace that shames one of the world's most famous monuments, according to Sir Jocelyn Stevens, the outspoken chairman of English Heritage.

Sir Jocelyn is calling for an estimated £100 million of lottery money to be spent on replacing the "disgusting" five-lane highway that blights the main approach to the 900-year-old castle. Tourists arriving underground station have to walk through a tunnel under the fume-filled road to reach the entrance to Britain's fourth biggest tourist attraction.

"There is something so disgusting about that terrible road, the width of it and the ugliness of it and having to arrive through that hideous tunnel," said Sir Jocelyn. "The whole thing is just a mess. What happened to this city in the 1960s and 1970s is such a crime."

Sir Jocelyn is urging the Tower authorities to bid for lottery funding to replace the road with open parkland. He wants improvement plans

being submitted to the lottery grants bodies in the autumn by the Historic Royal Palace Agency to include the "dream solution" of a tunnel from the station to the Tower. He met Major-General Geoffrey Field, the Resident Governor of the Tower, last week to discuss the proposals.

They would give tourists a spectacular uninterrupted view of the Tower, which attracts 2.5 million visitors a year and is one of only two world heritage sites in London. Currently all but the highest battlements are hidden from view by A103 Tower Hill road.

Sir Jocelyn said the project could be carried out over five years to spread out the cost and minimise disruption.

"What is five years in the history of England? It is just the flicker of an eyelid."

He added: "There is now a new mood about in looking at grand projects like this. Money is being distributed in large quantities to some thrilling schemes and there has been a dramatic change in the Government's attitude to tra-



Stevens: lottery money could pay for scheme

fic in London. Now just about every project is thinkable."

"The English are so starved of new ideas and are always being told they will never happen. That is what I was told when I first called for a tunnel under Stonehenge. If we can now contemplate a final solution for Stonehenge when it seemed completely impossible in 1990, then why not the same sort of solution for the Tower of London?"

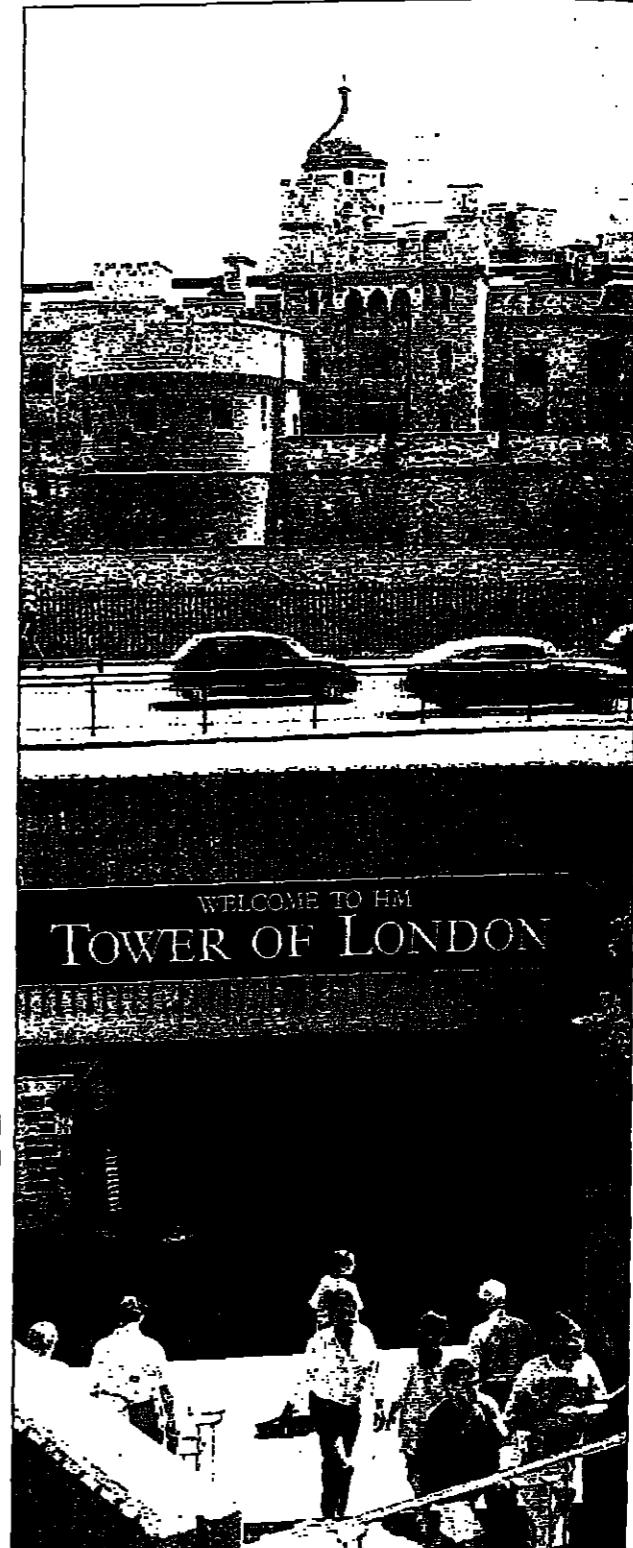
Proposals being considered

by the Tower Environ Scheme, a joint venture project involving HRPA, Tower Hamlets Council, the Port of London Authority and Taylor Woodrow, include clearing the clutter of kiosks and souvenir booths around the Tower, better ticket facilities, "landscaping" the A100 Tower Bridge Approach road to make it less intrusive, a new river jetty, and possibly filling in the moat around the Tower.

English Heritage, the Government's statutory adviser on historic monuments, is not directly responsible for the Tower but would have a crucial say in any plans.

Sir Jocelyn's intervention is the latest high-profile campaign he has led to remove roads from some of Britain's most famous tourist attractions. In November last year he enraged the Government by demanding a tunnel for the A303 road as it passes by Stonehenge, an option that is now under serious consideration by ministers.

He has also led calls for the removal of a busy road that separates two of the most popular attractions in Greenwich in southeast London.



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New jets put pilots of future at risk from blacking out

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AN ALARMINGLY high number of jet fighter pilots experience momentary blackouts under extreme conditions, research in Britain and the United States has shown.

Nearly 20 per cent of RAF pilots, including trainees, experienced loss of consciousness and in the US 30 per cent of F16 pilots suffered blackouts, the unpublished research has disclosed. Although there is no evidence that RAF pilots have crashed after blacking out, 24 US Air Force pilots are understood to have been killed after losing consciousness while flying F16s in fast-turn manoeuvres.

The F16 is more agile and can fly much tighter turns than the Tornado used by the

The Eurofighter is due to

come into service in 2002. Test pilots flying the three prototypes have not yet put them through maximum G-force turns.

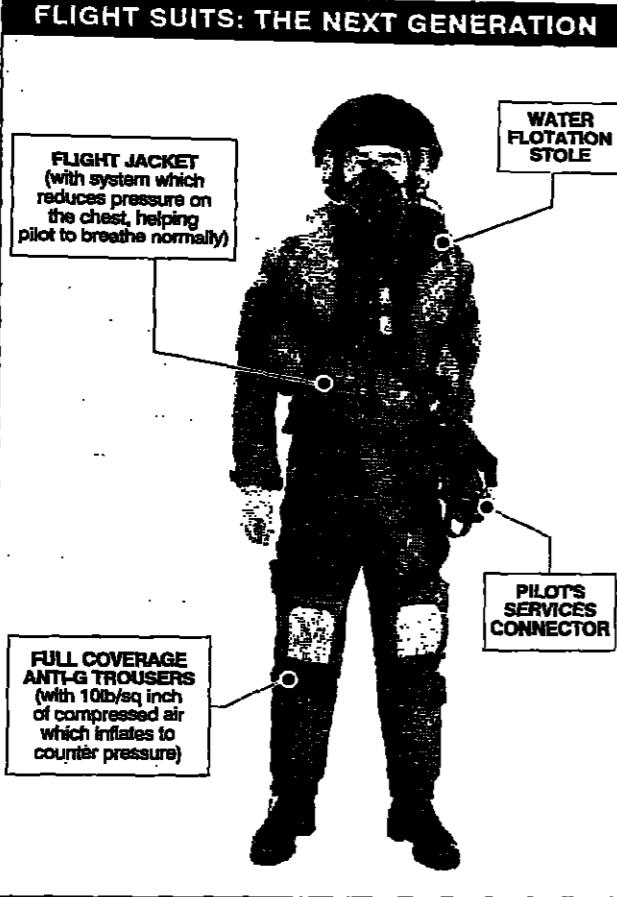
Centrifuge equipment for training Eurofighter pilots is inadequate because it can simulate 0G to 9G in only eight seconds, totally unrealistic for pilots of the next century. The RAF School of Aviation Medicine at Farnborough, Hampshire, which has spent the past few years developing special life-support systems for Eurofighter pilots, is soon to announce the winner of a competition for supplying an advanced centrifuge.

By 1998 pilots will be strapped into the rotating arm of the centrifuge and face a virtual-reality dogfight under 9G and 10G "tight turn" conditions.

The challenge for Eurofighter pilots is that the aircraft has been designed to be inherently unstable in order to create maximum agility and manoeuvrability. With the benefit of the most advanced computers, the Eurofighter will be able to twist and turn instantly at the touch of a switch. A blackout under such conditions could prove fatal because by the time the pilot has regained consciousness, the aircraft would be hurtling out of control.

Air Commodore Anthony Nicholson, commandant at the RAF School of Aviation Medicine, said Eurofighter pilots would be operating in a "high-G world". To counteract the risk of blackouts, researchers have designed anti-G trousers filled with compressed air that inflate to counter the sudden surge of blood to the lower part of the body.

A system has been devised for the flight jacket that reduces pressure on the pilot's chest and helps him to breathe normally by a process that squeezes the blood upwards.



Labour pledges to restore Tory frontline defence cuts

By MICHAEL EVANS

AN INCOMING Labour government would undertake a strategic defence review with the aim of reversing damaging cuts in the Armed Forces' support services, according to party sources.

David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, and a team of advisers who have been drawing up defence strategy, are convinced that the Tories' Frontline First cuts have created

unacceptable pressures on the services. Although the intention of the Government was to make savings in "the tail" of the Armed Forces, in order to create more money for frontline troops, Labour believes the cuts are too deep.

One source said: "British soldiers in Bosnia have the latest equipment to help them with their peacekeeping duties but if the equipment goes wrong, they need the experts from the support services to

get it sorted out. They need to be in the front line."

Reversing the damage without increasing overall defence spending will be one of the pledges expected in Labour's foreign policy and defence strategy to be outlined next week in a document called *Britain in the World*. Labour intends to keep spending to the existing £21 billion a year and will also promise to maintain the Trident nuclear submarine deterrent.



Staves at the ready, the 1st Hampstead Scout Troop prepares to learn the manly virtues out on patrol soon after its formation in 1908

Pioneer troop could close for lack of a leader

By JOANNA BALE

ONE OF Britain's first Scout troops is about to close unless a leader can be found for its 22 members. The 1st Hampstead was set up in 1908 in northwest London, in the same year that Robert Baden-Powell established the Scouting movement for boys.

Ian Frais, Hampstead's Assistant Commissioner for Scouts, has been standing in since its last leader left when his job moved to Bristol two years ago. Because of other commitments, Mr Frais will leave next month and the troop will close unless a new leader can be found.

According to the troop's 1912 log-book in Burgh House museum, Hampstead, it was formed by a boy called Victor Crowe, who lived in Hampstead High Street. Crowe requested help from an Army captain called Colborn Pearce in setting up the group, which practised Scouting on Hampstead

Heath. According to the log-book, it was the first troop in Britain to appear in the traditional uniform of shorts, shirt, scarf and hat.

Captain Pearce wrote: "Oh,

present members know nothing of it... Did we mind? Were we downhearted? Not Scouts don't care anything for ridicule, and pioneers always expect to meet with opposition. We stuck to work

with a 'never say die' determination to win through and clear the road for other Scouts to follow."

The troop went on a tour of Britain to demonstrate scouting and mountain biking.

movement. They visited Sunderland and the West Country.

Mr Frais said yesterday: "This is one of the first Scout groups in Britain — it could even be the first — so it would be a great shame to close it down. Unfortunately there is a severe shortage of Scout leaders in central London — people just do not seem willing to give up a little of their free time to help run it."

"Contrary to what most people think, it is a very up-to-date organisation which offers children challenges and responsibility. The group is a mixture of boys from different backgrounds who are all keen to continue. All we need is someone with lots of enthusiasm to take it over. We have tried advertising and leafletting but no one has come forward."

The group has 22 members who meet every Monday night and enjoy activities such as camping, climbing and mountain biking.



Map-reading in a more relaxed age for present members of the 1st Hampstead

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Peace kept in Pale after portrait of a warmonger disappears

Principles and Realpolitik are at war again in Bosnia-Herzegovina, consider the revealing episode of the compromise over Radovan Karadžić's portrait.

In Pale, "capital" of the Bosnian Serb republic, a room is set aside for the use of officers from the Ifor peace-keeping force who hold press conferences there. An official picture of the shaggy-haired ex-psychiatrist and war criminal who runs the republic once adorned the room. Dr Karadžić is, nominally, the most wanted man in the Balkans.

The Ifor officers using the room made a bold request: could the picture possibly be



taken down? It did not seem how seem quite right that peacekeepers should appear on CNN with portraits of wanted war criminals in the background to remind the audience that people like Dr Karadžić are not running

much risk of arrest. The picture came down. Dr Karadžić himself remains in power and at liberty.

The first aim of the Dayton accord on Bosnia was separation of the combatants, and of the combatants from their heavy weapons. Those requirements have, more or less, been met. Dayton says that the next stage is to glue things back together. Refugees should go home and the tribal enclaves be knitted into one state. In other words, the hard — perhaps impossible — part starts now.

The alphabet-soup organisations such as Ifor, the OSCE and the EU meet in Florence this week to contempl-

plate an appallingly tight timetable. A local election is supposed to be held in the shattered town of Mostar at the end of the month. Elections across Bosnia are due in mid-September.

In the middle of all this on June 27, Richard Goldstone of the war crimes tribunal in The Hague plans to disclose fresh evidence about the killing of Muslims by Serbs in Srebrenica. The judge is angry at Ifor's reluctance to arrest Dr Karadžić and his military counterpart, General Ratko Mladić.

The most important deadline was imposed as the price of sending 18,000 Americans in the first place they must

begin leaving by December 31. Since President Clinton is up for re-election in November, they will leave on time.

The policy being pursued in Bosnia is the lowest common denominator that can be agreed and achieved in the short time available, subject to one condition of overriding importance: American casualties must be avoided. "Body-bag phobia" is a powerful force in American politics. Ifor is the only real power the outsiders have in Bosnia and its risk-averse style is set by America.

Any idea of arresting Dr Karadžić, General Mladić

and about 40 other killers stays on hold to avoid provoking the violent stand-offs which the arrests would cause. Ifor has refused responsibility for the huge task of guaranteeing the safety of returning refugees; a few weeks ago troops turned back "for their own safety" hundreds of Muslims and Croats going to visit family graves in Serb-controlled land.

Europe and America grumble at each other. Since the plan to build a "united, tolerant, multi-ethnic" Bosnia will not succeed, people are manoeuvring to avoid the blame. Richard Holbrooke, the American architect of Dayton, says that excessive

European bureaucracy and timidity are muddling up the reconstruction effort. American senators and congressmen are getting restive over the failure to capture and try Dr Karadžić and General Mladić.

The rows rumble but do not explode. The disagreements are as nothing compared to the Anglo-European splits over Bosnia in the early 1990s and for a simple reason: there are US Marines on foot patrol in Bosnia. Any politician opening his mouth a little too wide could get them killed. Bob Dole's only foreign policy attack on President Clinton so far dealt with China, not Bosnia.

GEORGE BROCK



Graf: denies knowing about any fraud

Pressure on Graf increases

FROM ROGER BOVES
IN BONN

PRESSURE is increasing on Steffi Graf with today's claim by *Der Spiegel* magazine that she had intimate knowledge of a plan to cheat the German tax authorities.

Ms Graf denies all knowledge of tax fraud. Her father Peter and her accountant, however, are in prison awaiting trial this summer on charges of trying to channel some of her earnings into dummy companies established in The Netherlands and Lichtenstein.

The *Spiegel* disclosures, drawn from a book written by journalists from the magazine, accuse the tennis player directly.

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Stalinist ghosts dog Zyuganov in race to capture Kremlin

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

TO THE sound of marching brass bands and the smiles of mini-skirted cheerleaders, Russia's Communists made a final attempt at the weekend to inject some colour and vigour into their lacklustre presidential campaign.

With a week to go to voting, and opinion polls showing President Yeltsin increasing his lead over Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader, several thousand Communists rallied to cheer their leaders, wave red flags and chant victory slogans.

Young Communists — identifiable by their T-shirt slogan, "The young choose Zyuganov" — whooped as their leaders vowed to unseat President Yeltsin and return the Kremlin to Communist rule.

"We will lead the people not to the past but to the future," said Mr Zyuganov, who helped to rebuild the Communist Party into the most powerful political organisation in Russia after its near-collapse five years ago. "We will rely not on concentration camps, not on an Iron Curtain, not on prison labour but on modern culture, the best Russian and Soviet traditions."

At Saturday's rally Mr Zyuganov quoted extensively

from the Bible, comparing Mr Yeltsin to a "beast from Hell", and drew heavily on Russian Orthodox imagery to appeal to the nationalist vote.

If the rally helped to boost morale among the Communist faithful and gain some valuable publicity in the Yeltsin-dominated media, it also exposed the party's glaring contradictions and weaknesses. The few hundred

Marxist-Leninist who is an integral part of the Zyuganov coalition, gave a fiery address which received a standing ovation. "We will win because Lenin is with us, Stalin is with us, and Russia is with us," he cried.

The effect left many observers even more confused than before about what today's Russian Communists really stand for, and what kind of government they would bring to the Kremlin if Mr Zyuganov wins on Sunday.

According to the latest opinion poll, published on Saturday in the *Moscow Times*, Mr Yeltsin, who has run a well-organised campaign, has increased his support to 34.5 per cent. Mr Zyuganov is trailing with 19.9 per cent.

youngsters brought in to vitalise the event were heavily outnumbered by the elderly rank-and-file of the party, whose average age at the rally must have been near 60. The use of religious symbols was also unconvincing, since many of those in the audience held up portraits and placards in memory of Lenin and Stalin, who were responsible

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Two of the gate-crasher sculptors, Bjorn, right, and Bob'Art, being interviewed for television in front of their work in the Place de la Concorde in Paris yesterday

Sculptors show their metal

FROM ADAM SAGE
IN PARIS

THREE young sculptors yesterday gate-crashed one of the most prestigious open-air exhibitions of recent times, placing their unheralded work alongside that of Rodin and Picasso.

The woman from the city hall was flustered. "It is very pretty," she said, looking up at the giant sculpture that had appeared overnight in the Place de la Concorde. "But it will have to go."

Royon, Bob'Art and Bjorn, the three young artists, merely shrugged. "It is a nice feeling to be in such company," Royon said, "and we are in no hurry to take it away".

Penniless and unknown, he had become fed up with working to produce sculptures for minor exhibitions ignored by the public. So when Paris City Council announced that it was to display dozens of the world's most famous works in the Place de la Concorde and the Champs Elysées, the three artists decided to strike.

At 6am yesterday Royon, Bob'Art and Bjorn they refuse to give their real names — manoeuvred their three-tonne metal sculpture onto the pavement opposite Fernand Léger's creation *La fleur qui marche*. "We are not trying to make a statement," said Royon, 24. "We just wanted our work to be seen by a lot of people."

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Clinton promises to stop black church burnings

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AS YET another distraught black minister surveyed the charred wreckage of his church over the weekend, President Clinton promised to do all in his power to end an epidemic of arson attacks on Southern black churches inspired by racial hatred.

"This must stop," Mr Clinton said shortly after the 93-year-old wooden sanctuary of the Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, became the thirtieth black church destroyed by fire in the past 18 months. "Every family has the right to expect that when they walk into a church or synagogue or mosque each week they will find a house of worship, not the charred remains of a hateful act done by cowards in the night."

"As President, I am determined to do everything in my power to get to the bottom of these church burnings as quickly as possible. No matter how long it takes, no matter where the leads take us, we

will devote whatever resources are necessary to solve these crimes."

Mr Clinton used his weekly radio address from the Oval Office to announce measures that include setting up a telephone hotline for informants, the dispatch of federal agents to advise Southern churches how to protect themselves, and support for legislation facilitating the prosecution of those responsible.

He also called on Americans to "rise up as a national community" against a crime wave that "harkens back to a dark era in our nation's history". He was referring to the countless attacks on black churches during the civil rights battles of the 1950s and 1960s that reached their climax with the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, in which four children died.

"We must come together, black and white alike, to smother the fires of hatred that fuel this violence," he said, and called on whites to "roll up their sleeves" and help rebuild the churches.

As Mr Clinton spoke, a bank offered a reward of \$50,000 (£32,500) for information about the arsonists and Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, met ministers from the burnt churches to discuss the progress of the federal investigations.

One church, the Macedonia Baptist Church of South Carolina, sued the Christian

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan after two of the white supremacist group's members were arrested in connection with a couple of the arson attacks. More than 200 federal agents are working with local police forces on the cases.

Since 1990 fires have been set in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Virginia and the Carolinas, and in the few cases where the arsonists have been caught they have all been white men, some linked to groups such as the KKK, the Aryan Nation or Skinheads for White Justice.

In 1993 three white teenagers chose the twenty-fifth anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination to destroy two black churches near McComb, Mississippi, using hymn books and artificial flowers as kindling.

Last January, after the burning of the Knoxville Inner City Baptist Church in Tennessee, police officers found graffiti on the charred remains that read "Die Niggers" and "Die Nigger Lovers".

America deplores Chinese atom test

Tokyo: The United States, alone among the world's five declared nuclear powers, criticised China for staging a nuclear test at the weekend. "We urge China to refrain from further nuclear tests and to join in a moratorium," a White House statement said.

Britain and France gave a muted response to the blast, while Russia made no comment. Italy, which holds the presidency of the European Union, regretted the test and New Zealand deplored it.

The blast, which registered 5.7 on the Richter scale, was the 44th nuclear explosion at the Lop Nor underground test site since experiments started in 1964. (Reuter)

Iraqi weapons site destroyed

Baghdad: A United Nations germ warfare team is dismantling Iraq's main biological weapons site at al-Hakam, 50 miles south of the capital, a senior UN arms official said.

Under the Gulf War ceasefire terms, Iraq is to be stripped of weapons of mass destruction and the means to produce them. A second team, which included 20 experts on ballistic missiles and chemical arms, arrived in Baghdad to dispose of other banned weapons. (Reuter)

Tigers kill 17

Colombo: Tamil Tiger guerrillas killed 17 soldiers in an attack on an army camp in eastern Sri Lanka, defence officials said. Army and police reinforcements were delayed by rebel ambushes. (Reuter)

Max Factor dies

Los Angeles: Max Factor, who turned his Russian-born immigrant father's company into one of the world's largest cosmetics enterprises, died of heart failure here, aged 91. (Reuter) Obituary, page 23

Kashmir killings

Srinagar: Muslim separatists ambushed an army patrol near here and shot dead five Indian soldiers in Kashmir, a day after killing ten members of a Hindu family in a village. (AP)

Forbidden art

Bonn: An exhibition including Nazi art, some of it locked away from German eyes since the end of the Second World War, opens at Berlin's Museum of German History today. (Reuter)

Croat arrested

Zagreb: Croatian police arrested Zlatko Aleksovski, 36, a Bosnian Croat, who is wanted by the war crimes tribunal in The Hague on suspicion of committing war crimes in Bosnia. (AP)



Bob Dole campaigning in Georgia at the weekend when he criticised the White House for obtaining secret files

Dole attacks White House 'enemies list'

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

BOB DOLE likened the Clinton White House to that of President Nixon during Watergate after it admitted at the weekend that it had improperly obtained background reports from the FBI on more than 300 Republicans.

"It smells to high heaven," declared Mr Dole, the Republican presidential nominee. Congressional leaders demanded hearings and Louis Freeh, Director of the FBI, ordered restrictions on the release of confidential information to the White House. Leon Panetta, the White House chief of staff, yesterday apologised for what he called an "inexcusable" but innocent bureaucratic error.

The controversy erupted after the Republican chairman of a congressional

committee investigating the "Travelgate" scandal accused the White House of improperly obtaining Billy Dale's FBI file in 1993 to try retrospectively to justify Mr Dale's dismissal as head of the White House travel office seven months earlier.

The White House was initially unable to say why it had asked for Mr Dale's file, but then explained that his was one of about 340 it had erroneously requested from the FBI. A spokesman said a junior aide reviewing the security clearances of officials inherited from the Bush Administration had been working from an outdated list.

Those whose files were obtained included James Baker, the former Secretary of State, Tony Blankley, Newt Gingrich's press secretary, and Kenneth Duberstein, President Reagan's chief of

staff. Mr Dole was sceptical. He said the names read like a "Clinton enemies list" and hoped the White House was not laying the "spade work for a vicious, negative campaign" this autumn. "I remember Watergate, all the things that happened in Watergate because of this kind of tricks. We don't want to repeat it."

Tomorrow, after a final lunch with Republican colleagues, Mr Dole is to formally resign his Senate seat after 36 years in Congress, during which nine different men have occupied the Oval Office. He announced his departure a month ago to concentrate on his presidential campaign, but that gamble has failed to reduce Mr Clinton's double-digit poll lead: 82 per cent of respondents told a *Washington Post* survey that the resignation made no difference.

'Dead' commandos seek \$11m back pay

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

THE United States declared dead scores of Vietnamese commandos it sent into North Vietnam during the 1960s, when it knew they had been captured and imprisoned.

The United States told the commandos' wives their husbands were dead, paid them a small one-off gratuity, then sought to bury the whole affair, according to newly released government documents. Many of the commandos survived their imprisonment and now live in America, where they have filed a law-

suit demanding \$11 million (£7 million) in back pay. The documents should greatly strengthen their case.

The United States sent 500 commandos into North Vietnam in the early 1960s to foment resistance, gather intelligence and sabotage military targets. Documents show the Pentagon erased the men from the payroll despite evidence many were alive.

"The US killed these men off," said John Mattes, their lawyer. "They were left behind to rot in prison."

AGEING American businessmen, anxious about their employment prospects, are undergoing plastic surgery in an attempt to survive corporate "downsizing" and razor-sharp office politics.

Figures from the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery show that men now account for more than a quarter of plastic surgery in America. Procedures include liposuction — to reduce bellies grown plump on expense accounts — and eyelid surgery to

remove signs of age. Hair transplants, nose jobs and pectoral implants are increasingly ordered by executives who need to stave off the challenge of younger men.

In 1994, the last year for which figures are available, more than 37,000 American men yielded to liposuction, 22,204 had nose jobs and 18,350 had their eyelids stretched. More than 10,000 had chin implants. Sales of a leading male hair dye, Men's Choice, have risen 30 per cent

in the last three years. The figures perhaps reflect an increase in corporate uncertainty, but may also have something to do with the relative cheapness of many procedures. A calf implant can be had for \$3,000 (£1,960) and jaw surgery costs \$5,000.

James Kennedy, publisher of *Executive Recruiter News*, identified a breed of "bionic executive" who will literally rebuild themselves if they think it is going to benefit them professionally.

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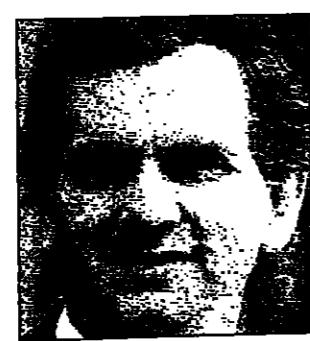


The shape of problems to come: Gascoigne's lack of stamina undermined England's cause against Switzerland at Wembley on Saturday, when they squandered the lead and nearly the match. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Venables rewards tired team with two days off

England throw it all away

ROB HUGHES



Football
correspondent

AN HOUR before Euro 96 kicked into unconvincing life at Wembley on Saturday, an Englishman dressed to kill lay injured beneath the royal box. This unfortunate gentleman, re-enacting the part of a knight in shining armour, had been crushed beneath his horse as it slipped during the pageant. He had been attempting something from medieval times and received a broken leg as a legacy of having neither the luck, the instinct nor the technique of skills lost long ago.

Alas, the modern image of the England football team lay with him, for when Paul Gascoigne, their would-be-knight, ran out of steam after barely 50 minutes, it appeared that the host nation had lost the shine of its footballing arts, just as much as it no longer has the know-how to be world leaders in mounted combat.

Harsh? Certainly, but it will do no good to pander to jingoistic beliefs that the European championship is England's for the taking. On the evidence of the 1-1 draw against Switzerland, but also having seen so many tedious "friendlies" in the previous 30 months, the pre-tournament message from Terry Venables — that the time had come for England to make the world fear them — has lost something in translation. Foreign visitors, and many of the 400 million who watched this opening match on television abroad, may feel sympathy that England's standards have stumbled so far.

Yes, England did win the World Cup here in 1966 after drawing 0-0 against Uruguay today. Their preparations for next Saturday

they had to play particularly well to come from behind and earn a much-merited draw.

Englishmen may hope that the improvement against Scotland and Holland is dramatic, but such patriotism is blind. Maybe we have been doing that for the past two years, believing that Venables, some kind of coaching messiah according to his supporters, can turn cart-horses into thoroughbred stylists. Maybe, indeed, the players duped themselves into thinking that opponents who came to Wembley in uncommitted "friendlies" were no match for, or no better than, them. Maybe they forgot the pain and concentration that go into competing in serious competition over 90 minutes.

Venables, after the match, admitted that the passing was awful, that he and his team would have to work on it, but there will be no work yesterday and none today because

he has liberated the players, rewarded them with days off. The pity is, that their bodies and minds are so tired, they were not granted that two weeks ago instead of junketing around the Far East.

England had travelled further before this competition than all the visiting nations put together and Gascoigne was the image of it as he slowed to the point where Johann Vogel, barely 19 and a youngster slow in his stride because of nervous tension, began to overwhelm England's finest. As the second half began, Vogel ran through, past and around Gascoigne, a young colt exposing an exhausted and blowing Englishman.

Yesterdays, having built his team around Gascoigne to the exclusion of talents such as Peter Beardsley, demurred from this viewpoint. "I didn't take Gazza off in the second half because he ran out of



Venables: defiant but extremely disappointed

steam," the coach defiantly insisted. "They were all dead on their feet. I could have taken off any one of eight of them."

Really? What was the cause of their physical debility?

Surely it has its reflections in the drunken buffoonery seen in all those photographs from Hong Kong. Surely the English are not so backward that they do not know that to fuel the body with tequila and other potents is, in the phrase coined by the late Bob Paisley, "putting paraffin in the petrol tank of athletes".

Added to that, England had abandoned the experiment, the belief, in trying to play football with greater sophistication than employing players four-square at the back. Those four — Gary Neville, Tony Adams, the captain, Gareth Southgate and Stuart Pearce — were woefully exposed. Which of them has genuine pace? Which of them was truly match-fit? Adams and Southgate had come through touch-and-go medical tests after serious knee injuries; Pearce, when Kubilay Turkyilmaz turned up the turbo-boost of his acceleration, floundered like a man out of time.

It is a terribly depressing picture at the start of a tournament that was to be the game "coming home". England can improve, must improve, and releasing Steve McManaman to a creative role in the centre instead of stamping him to the left flank would be a start. But if it had better be done quickly — today rather than Tuesday would have made a more reasonable start — and it needs to be done without favouritism to players who clearly lack match-fitness. Fallen knights abound.

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Rivals train while their hosts relax

ENGLAND followed their surprise failure to overcome the Swiss on Saturday with another startling move yesterday (Oliver Holt writes). While the rest of the teams competing in Euro 96 were in action — either on the training field or in their opening games — Terry Venables let his players have a two-day holiday as a reward for their lacklustre draw.

A fleet of black chauffeur-driven cars was waiting outside Wembley on Saturday evening to ferry each member of the 22-strong squad back to their homes. They will not report back to their Buckinghamshire headquarters, the Burnham Beeches Hotel, until 7pm today. Their preparations for next Saturday

day's crunch game against Scotland will not begin until tomorrow morning.

The players' mini-break is likely to cause consternation among the millions of fans who saw England tire alarmingly in the second half. Several of the team, including Paul Gascoigne and Darren Anderton, appeared to be in need of all the extra training they can get.

The tactic did at least take England's rivals in group A by surprise. The Swiss reacted to Saturday's draw by training during the morning yesterday at the Belfry Hotel in Warwickshire, where they are preparing for Thursday's game against the Dutch at Villa Park. They will train today, too, before going to Villa

Park this afternoon to watch the Dutch play the Scots.

Many of the Scots, who are staying at Stratford-upon-Avon, also have families nearby, but they have had no thoughts of flying visits home. "The Scottish team will be here until their involvement in Euro 96 has ended," a spokesman said.

If England had won, of course, Venables's libertarian philosophy would not have come under the microscope, but he is standing by his decision. "There is no question of them not having the time off. They have been together for one hard week of training and they have got another one ahead. Relaxed players are happy players," he said.

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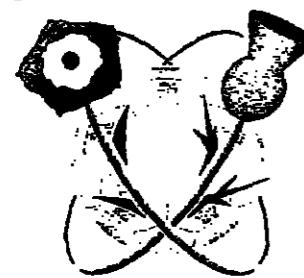
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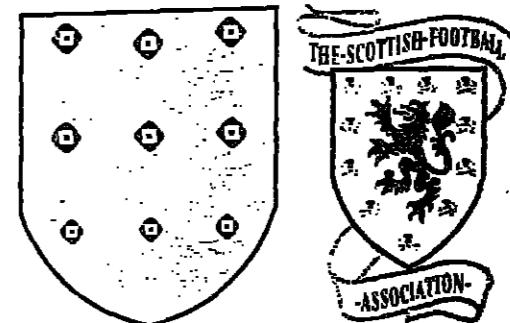
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FOOTBALL'S AULD ENEMIES MEET

England v Scotland at Wembley in Euro 96. Rob Hughes looks forward to the most eagerly awaited match of the year



TO CELEBRATE A GREAT SUMMER OF SPORT, WIN A YEAR'S WORTH OF CHAMPAGNE - ONLY IN THE TIMES TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Brown seeks out flaws in fading Dutch masters

By KEVIN McCARRA

GLOATING can be educational. The Scotland squad that relished the sight, on television, of England's slump against Switzerland will also have had a more edifying reaction to the opening match of the European championship. Craig Brown's side may still doubt their own worth, but they must have learnt that their rivals, too, can be weak and troubled.

The scale of the tournament and the lustre of many of its participants should never divert attention from the fact that it is competed for by fallible, stress-ridden footballers. Today, Scotland play their first match, against Holland at Villa Park, and Craig Brown, the manager, has been at pains to emphasise the opposition's accident-prone journey to this event.

He is too much the diplomat to denigrate another country, but Brown need only trot out the facts. In the qualifiers, Holland lost narrowly to Belarus, were roundly defeated 3-1 by the Czech Republic and became the last team to clinch a place in England after defeating Ireland in a play-off.

Despite all the rhapsodies that followed the performance of Guus Hiddink's team at Anfield that night, the excellence was demanded by previous wretchedness. Scotland have had a horror of hyperbole ever since exaggerated ambitions were followed rapidly by ignominy at the 1978 World Cup, but Brown is trenchant when discussing this afternoon's game.

"If our players are all at their peak," he said, "I don't think Holland will beat us." The manager argues that the mystique of Dutch football does not exempt its team from the process of decay. At the 1992 European championship, Scotland also met Holland in the first match, losing 1-0, but Brown does not believe the present side possesses the

exceptional talent of its predecessor.

"No matter what team Holland pick," he said, "they will not be so powerful as they were in Sweden. With Ruud Gullit and Marco van Basten gone, they do not have such individual brilliance as even if they work well as a unit." Indeed, Brown's assessment meets with assent from many Dutch observers, who find reverence of their national team rather comic.

Hiddink's squad draws heavily on the Ajax squad, but

business and in three recent friendlies against Denmark, the United States and Colombia. Brown's side has scored just once. Should they prove as innocuous again, Holland will have a soothing start to this championship.

It is likely that Gordon Durie, with just five goals in 28 appearances, will be partnered in attack by John Spencer, who has yet to score after winning nine caps. Any of the forwards in the squad, however, is entitled to complain over the paucity of chances created. Since there are no overwhelming new talents to be introduced, Scotland must strive instead for a change of outlook.

The old, reckless trait has virtually been eradicated, but Brown's team does need a greater degree of belligerence. In Gary McAllister and John Collins, the manager claims to have two highly-accomplished midfield players, but in lauding the pair he is also making demands. Both are asked to provide more assertive passing and running at the heart of the action.

The manager is less fretful about his defence, though, after a resolute performance at the back in the unlucky defeat by Colombia two weeks ago. The principal matter concerns Andy Goram, who fell out of favour after declining to play against Greece in August. Brown is, nonetheless, still likely to prefer Goram to Jim Leighton as goalkeeper, even though he refused to confirm the decision yesterday, adding: "It's not a big issue. I hope the man I pick won't have much to do." Scotland now face the difficult task of producing such insouciance on the field itself.

HOLLAND (probable, 3-1-3-3) E van der Sar — M Reijnders, de Jong, W. Bogaerde, E. Dost, J. Verhaegh, S. Berghuis, C. Witsege — G. Tarent, D. Bergkamp, C. Burley, S. McCall, G. McAllister, J. Collins, T. McKinnlay — G. Dunc, J. Spencer

In a game of at most three or four bad tackles, Elleray showed ten yellow cards, sev-



Kuntz, the Germany striker, is marshalled by the Czech Republic defenders, Suchoparek, left, and Frydek, at Old Trafford yesterday

Injury mars solid start by Germany

Germany 2
Czech Republic 0

By PETER BALL

YOU can always rely on Germany. After two draws, the search for the tournament's first winner ended at Old Trafford, where the visitors completed a solidly professional victory over the Czech Republic to take their place at the top of group C.

The loss of Jürgen Kohler, the German captain, who suffered severe knee-ligament damage and will return today to Germany for treatment, spoilt the German celebrations but that apart, the only other blot was the performance of the referee, David Elleray, who was in his most pedestrian, schoolmaster mode.

In a game of at most three or four bad tackles, Elleray showed ten yellow cards, sev-

en in the second half, spoiling a previously good game in the process. It seems that, not only can the English not play the game well these days, they do not referee it well either.

Even Elleray failed to completely take the gloss off the German performance, however. The Czech's fatal lack of pace and awareness in defence meant that Germany were not fully extended, but they will clearly take some stopping, a fact the bookmakers quickly recognised, Ladbrokes cutting their odds for the champion-ship from 7-2 to 11-4.

They are not, perhaps, as dazzlingly inventive as the Dutch at their best, but for all-round efficiency, this superbly athletic and powerful team is hard to fault.

Not even the absence of the suspended Jürgen Klinsmann affected them yesterday as Fredi Bobic came in to suggest for an hour that, when

Klinsmann moves on, there is an outstanding replacement in the wings.

The Bundesliga's leading scorer last season, Bobic did not score yesterday, but his strong running and easy control provided the fulcrum for some telling thrusts. Behind him, Andreas Möller also had an outstanding game, but the star was Christian Ziege, an attacking left back in the German tradition of Breitner and Brehme, who watched Ziege's surges up the line with evident admiration, Ziege scoring the first goal and several times threatening to add to his account.

The game had a deceptive opening, with the Czechs looking the more likely initially, but both sides began cautiously.

Bobic or Kuntz dropped back at the first sign of trouble while Sammer kept his creative instincts shut away.

Sammer's first venture for-

wards, a minute after Kohler had gone off, produced the first serious threat to the Czech goal. Sammer's header reached Bobic, whose acrobatic falling volley was parried without authority by Kouba. From the resulting corner, Möller got a free header and, although he put it wide, the evidence of cracks in the Czech defence encouraged Germany to attack with increasing conviction.

Soon, that conviction was

rewarded as Ziege accepted Bobic's layoff, cut inside Latal and shot inside the post as Kadlec came to him too late.

Three minutes later, Ziege showed the less admirable side of his game as he was booked for putting his studs into Poborski's knee. The first yellow card, and one of the more deserved. But most of the German game was beyond reproach, and just after the

half-hour they took complete control as Möller was allowed to run a long way.

Again he cut between Latal and Kadlec with the sweeper failing to get to him in time and again Kouba was beaten low to his right, this time from more than 20 yards. The arrival of Berger after the interval gave the Czechs more thrust, but as the game deteriorated, they rarely threatened to turn the game their way.

GERMANY (1-3-2-1) A Kopke (Frankfurt) — S Reiter (Borussia, Dortmund), J. Kohler (Schorndorf, Doncaster), sub: M. Ballack (Bayer Leverkusen); 1. T. Helmer (Bayern Munich), C. Ziege (Bayern Munich) — T. Hässler (Karlsruhe), D. Möller (Werder Bremen), A. Möller (Bayer Leverkusen), B. Schäfer (Bayer Leverkusen), T. Strunz (Bayern Munich), S. Kuntz (Kaiserslautern), sub: O. Bierhoff (Udinese, USA).

CZECH REPUBLIC (1-3-2-1) P. Kouba (Prague, Preston), sub: J. Berger (Bayer Leverkusen), M. Horák (Sparta Prague) — R. Latal (Schalke 04), M. Frydrych (Sparta Prague), sub: J. Berger (Sparta Prague), J. Kadlec (Sparta Prague), sub: R. Berger (Sparta Prague), J. Nemec (Schröck), J. Jordán (Sparta Prague), sub: R. Drabek (Sparta Prague), J. Novotný (Sparta Prague), sub: J. Černý (Sparta Prague), R. Šimůnek (Sparta Prague), sub: R. Drahos (Sparta Prague). Referee: D. Elleray (England)

Spanish coach critical of Stoichkov

By DAVID MADDOCK

JAVIER CLEMENTE, the Spain coach, was less than happy after his side's 1-1 draw against Bulgaria in the opening Group B game at Elland Road yesterday. His anger, though, was reserved for Hristo Stoichkov, the forward who opened the scoring against his side with a disputed penalty. The Spanish-based player is, he believes, a cheat.

Stoichkov did so much to unsettle Clemente's side with his aggressive running and incisive passing, but the coach was less than impressed. "Stoichkov is not very good for us because he does not want to play the game fairly. He just doesn't know how to play the game fairly at all," he said.

"He uses his shoulders to lean into players to look for fouls all the time and then goes down. He does it even when he

could play fairly. He uses his elbows too to gain an unfair advantage."

Strong stuff from the Spanish coach, but Stoichkov was typically pugnacious in his response. His face darkened as he dismissed the claim, suggesting instead that it was Bulgaria who were cheated out of victory.

"I do not know what Clemente is talking about. If anything, the game was unfair to me, because I scored a good goal that was wrongly ruled offside. I knew I was onside and the TV pictures prove it," he said. "We deserved victory, but I am happy because we will get stronger with every game. We will be best when we reach the final."

The Bulgarian coach, Dimitar Penev, backed up his player and complicated the question of blame by pillorying the match officials. The Bulgarians were infuriated by the referee, Piero Cecarini, endorsing

by the mid 1980s. Perugia were

languishing in the fourth division after further relegation because of a bribery scandal. In 1993 they had a promotion to Serie B cancelled after an allegation that the club president had tried to bribe a referee with the gift of a horse.

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the four-nation tournament, which also involves the United States and Ireland.

The Mexicans, with an eye on the Atlanta Olympic tournament, brought their under-23 squad — supplemented by five veterans.

FA backs plan to host World Cup

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE Football Association has given its backing to a Government campaign to bid for the 2006 World Cup, supported by £1 billion of National Lottery money. Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, said that an attempt to gain the Olympic Games in 2008 could follow if Fifa, football's governing body, can be persuaded to allow England to host again the event that it won in 1966.

"The Prime Minister and I are determined that we don't have to wait another 30 years before we once again play host to the sporting nations of the world," Bottomley said.

The idea has already gained the support of Lenart Johannsen, the president of Uefa, the governing body of European football, who is likely to play an increasingly-influential role in Fifa affairs

after persuading them this week to allow Japan and South Korea to stage the 2002 World Cup jointly.

Steve Double, a Football Association spokesman, said: "We welcome her comments. Obviously, our priority at the moment is the current Euro 96 tournament, but this is something we are extremely interested in."

Bottomley said: "If it takes lottery money also to attract the Olympic Games in 2008, we are ready to spend it."

Perugia have been promoted to the Serie A in Italy, returning to the top division for the first time since they were demoted in 1981 after being deducted five points for involvement in a betting scandal. The club, from central Italy, which once fielded Paolo Rossi, beat the already-promoted Verona 3-2 to ensure promotion in their last league match of the season.

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Buzzing with excitement on a new playground

I have settled into this job already. Football correspondent, and just for kicks, in five hours on Saturday afternoon my outlook on the world was completely transformed and I now wear a funny wig in stripes of red, white and blue. I can still remember a time before this occurred.

On the Wembley train, for example, I cast a genuinely interested eye over the opposing fans. Swiss, eh? Blokes with shorts and braces? As the train paused at Swiss Cottage these exotic creatures slapped their hairy legs and swapped funny old CH words about it, and I was transfixed. I smiled at them. An international match, with international people. A chance to make friends with the world.

It is quite normal to worry about guests. I always hover around groups at parties saying "All right, all right?" Such touching concern was what I felt for Switzerland initially on Saturday. As the stadium filled, it became apparent that the Swiss were all bunched in

LYNNE TRUSS



KICKING & SCREAMING

one corner, at the same end as me. They waved little flags and made dink-dink noises with cowbells. I saw they were surrounded by gruff Eng-land-Eng-er-land chanters, and worried they would feel left out.

"All right?" I wanted to call across. "All right?" There was no knowing. But every so

often they performed a strange ritual (possibly some atavistic fondue thing) which involved waving both arms horizontally in front, ringing the cow-bell and murmuring "Woooooo!" like ghosts, until finally flinging their arms back in a vertical Mexican wave. This bizarre antic was ignored by the English fans until the first goal was scored, when suddenly, spontaneously, they aped it. "Ooooh!" they jeered sarcastically, wagging their arms at the Swiss. And this was the moment of truth for me. I suddenly realised whose side of the playground I was on. I was with this lot. We had scored and they hadn't. They were Swiss and we were winning. All I needed now was the funny wig.

With Saturday's match by general consent such a big bore, it was natural to take what entertainment you could get. The pre-match razzmatazz (rather loosely themed, if I may say so) gave us medieval pageant, George and the dragon, Mick Hucknall, a parade of football greats, a really big



Swiss supporters kept ringing their bells and waving until the cows came home

lot of balloons, a really big lor build-up made the subsequent cruddy performance of the England team even more of a let-down.

But the goal was great, wasn't it? The goal was marvellous. We all jumped up and down and made lovely mockery of the Swiss. True, nothing else much happened after that

again with a groan when the ball gets passed to Mister Nobody and starts heading in the wrong direction.

You stand up, you sit down and sometimes, for quite long periods (I didn't know this), you go really quiet and miserable, as if you are under water. I was particularly pleased to master the interesting half-sitting position which goes with corner activity. Having jumped up, you now bend the legs and turn slightly, but don't quite sit down, because there's a chance you might soon have to stand up again. So you wait with your bum sticking out until the tension has been resolved one way or the other. It's quite good for the thighs.

I had a Euro 96 paper with me on Saturday, with a BT service. It is a wonderful but mysterious object, which occasionally buzzes and vibrates to alert you to a new score. I think it is intended for businessmen, who can receive a football update in meetings without anyone noticing, taking it to the match with me

was slightly superfluous. But as I said earlier, get your kicks where you can buy, so I clutched my paper throughout the afternoon and when I felt it buzz for the first time ("Blimey, feel that," I said aloud), it was honestly quite thrilling. Due to this exciting gadget, I was probably the only English person with access to consolation when Switzerland equalised. Oh good, I thought, now the paper will have to buzz again. And buzz — there it went.

I didn't see the Swiss on the way home. As the demoralised English crowds shuffled complaining to the exits, the last sight I had of the guest country they were wooring like banishes again and waving the little flags, with apparently no intention of moving — at least until the cows came home. I had no idea whether their team had played well; I had never taken my eyes off the men playing in white. At an event like that, it turns out you can have a grand view, yet quite a narrow view at the same time.

FOOTBALL: SKILFUL OPENING ENCOUNTER IN GROUP B TARNISHED BY SPITEFUL UNDERTONES

Stoichkov's guile finds its match in Spanish might

Spain 1
Bulgaria 1

By ROB HUGHES

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

FOOTBALL from another world, it seemed another planet, was displayed at Elland Road within 24 hours of the shocking affair at Wembley. Spain and Bulgaria achieved the same score as England and Switzerland had, but it would be stretching the Trades Description Act beyond measure to try to describe it as the same game.

Under bright sunlight, with a quite capricious wind, the Spanish might, harshly organised in the uncompromising Basque tradition of the coach, Javier Clemente, for long periods seemed to overpower the guile of their opponents. The Bulgarians, their nature often seeming to be more Latin than the Spaniards, mixed a heady cocktail of movement that stretched the imagination, and spin that ultimately stretched the Italian referee too far.

In a period midway through the second half, both teams scored, Bulgaria through the inevitable Stoichkov penalty and then Spain after a free kick. But in that period, the yellow-card count swelled to seven, there were two red cards, myriad substitutions, and for all the claim that professional refereeing is what the British game needs, here was an Italian, Piero Ceccarini, showing scant control. Perhaps no one should blame him, for when players of different cultures so wilfully decide to kick or strike one another, or to dive when no contact whatever is made, it would take a god to maintain order.



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passed through Coventry City and being rejected after getting himself sent off in a reserve game. The temperature, one can fault; but the optimism and the power of shot of Ivanov twice lifted every person in Leeds United's half-filled stadium yesterday. He tried a chip from the left side of the field when he spotted Zubizarreta off his line, the ball travelled almost 50 yards and nestled just outside the far post. Later, Ivanov, with a free kick much closer to the goal, no more in fact than 30 yards out, managed to skid the ball inches wide of the far post.

Spain also had a player who would try anything from almost any distance. Hierro, the personification of his team in sheer physical presence and power, brought Reading's Bulgarian goalkeeper, Myhalov, to a wonderful save, twisting in mid-air to palm the ball over.

There was a negative period, but the caution contained cunning. Unlike England v Switzerland, the players knew the purpose of their defensive; they would seek to draw the opponent to them, to strike out of nothing like a viper. Stoichkov and Kostadinov were absolute masters of inviting opponents to mark them as close as a second skin, and then suddenly to spin away, to make runs which their colleagues seemed intuitively to read.

One such run in the 65th minute brought the penalty. Stoichkov hit the pass, slanting and fading the ball in from left to right. Kostadinov ran across Sergi, the Barcelona defender, ran looking for the nearest contact. Down he went, up went the referee's hand, a penalty from the craft of the diver, and Stoichkov imperiously used the hammer of his left foot to strike the ball against the inside of Zubizarreta's left-hand post. Stoichkov's 32nd goal in 62 internationals; one wonders what the supporters of Parma would make of it, since he has designed to give them just four goals in an entire season.

Back with a vengeance came the Spanish armada. Just six minutes after going behind, they levelled amidst mayhem. Hubchev, the tall Bulgaria centre back, was sent off for tackling through the heels of Pizzi right on the edge of the penalty box. Hierro's free kick hit the substitute

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price for a referee trying to neutralise matters; but the foul on the halfway line, stretching and catching Kisichichev's trailing leg, did a visionary through-ball and Stoichkov sneaked in unseen. His header was deft, but the ball evaded the angle between bar and post ... the glare of the arrogant gun-slinger carried the venom to shoot

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Romania to test Jacquet's theory

By DAVID MADDOCK

NO Cantona, no Ginola; they must be good. They are. After all the talk about their English exiles, Aimé Jacquet, the France manager, finally gets the chance to put into practice his theory that two (admittedly inspiring) individuals would do little to enhance the team ethics of his side.

We shall see and Romania this evening is as interesting a test as any for the new-look French. In England, the omissions, especially that of Cantona, are seen as a bold gamble. Across the water, there has barely been a ripple.

Jacquet believes that it is because the Anglo pair are of the past and his side is very much one of the future. "In France, we had the Platini generation, then the Cantona-Papin generation. Now we have moved on to a new generation, which has replaced the old," he said.

"I know there has been surprise in England that I have left out Cantona, but then maybe the English, with their fast, furious Premiership, are not the best judges. Everyone will judge me on this team and I believe it will go all the way."

Jacquet has one rider to that confident assertion — he fears the enigmatic Romanians. It is vital, he believes, to emerge unscathed from a daunting encounter with Hagi and his talented if inconsistent band.

"I fear this first match above all because the pressure, on a physical, technical and mental level, will surpass anything that my players have experienced before," he said.

Jacquet is keeping his line-up to himself, but the team that started the friendly against Germany last week should line up again, although Dugarry, AC Milan's latest acquisition, could lose out to Loko.

Romania's selection looks even more straightforward, with only the injured Sabau missing from the players given the first 11 squad numbers.

Piquant dish provides food for thought

Simon Barnes on a match involving brain as much as brawn that was a welcome contrast to England's tired offering

something of the rhythm of a fencing bout. This was particularly so with Spain, a team clearly moulded by the will of the coach, Javier Clemente. Spanish attacks were always followed by a wonderfully fluid snapping-back into the *en garde* position. Ah, you say, but these foreigners, they have more time to prepare than our boys from the toughness of the packed domestic season, but the Spanish have only just finished their own domestic season; all the same, each player knew exactly what he was about.

English players have assignments, too, but there is a difference between being careful and being scared. This match had

tion lines and areas of responsibility. The tactical discipline of the Spanish and their rather surprising mistrust of flair made for a potent contrast with Bulgaria.

Bulgaria have the reputation for being a mixture of flair and spite, rather like a margarita cocktail. Again, it was their will that excited. Ivanov, a defender who looks like the man from Central Casting to play the part of a knife-wielding mugger, showed — as well as the odd dud — three post-brushing shots of startling inventiveness. But their captain, Stoichkov, is, as ever, the tequila in the margarita. He scored one wonderful goal, doing so with a dead-eyed casualness that was ruled offside, and converted the penalty with enviable certainty. He was also daft enough to get himself booked for dissent after 23 minutes.

There was much of the match that was cerebral. Things grew more frenetic as time passed, as two sendings-off make clear, but despite all that, the quality of thought never quite went out of the window.

Football is a passionate game, but passion alone is not

enough. Not at this level. These tournaments are always about clashes of footballing culture and it is most disconcerting to watch the football of this weekend after a full season of the FA Carling Premiership. For it was not a bad season — far from it. If we take away mere partisanship, it was rich, intriguing, exciting, refreshing, a good and satisfying tale told over the long months of the winter and spring.

And now, in summer, to see the same players look a bunch of second-raters is a seriously unsettling experience. There are enough foreigners and enough fancy foreign skills

and enough wonderful exotisms in the Premiership to make all the richness of individual technique less than a surprise.

No, it is the fact of *team* technique that comes as a surprise, a culture shock, every time we get to an important footballing occasion like this. There is very little wrong with the players other than the culture they play in. It seems that, for an English footballer, the true exotism is not a talented individual or a trick with a ball. It is one thing only: thought.

Of course, tournaments are not won and lost in first matches; these are, in fact, a woefully inaccurate guide.

Many teams come storming out of the traps like greyhounds, only to fall away at the first difficult match. In these tournaments, there is a real danger of peaking too early. Well, England have managed to avoid that quite triumphantly. So, for that matter, have Spain and Bulgaria. But in their own 1-1 draw, they have food for thought.

□ Stoichkov, who was playing against several former Barcelona team-mates, said:

"We got our preparations right for the match.

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attacking game and created

four or five good chances."

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FOOTBALL: SWITZERLAND MAKE HOSTS LOOK PEDESTRIAN AS TOURNAMENT OPENS WITH BELOW-PAR PERFORMANCE

England out-thought and out-fought

England 1
 Switzerland 1

By ROB HUGHES
 FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

AN OPENING match never did a tournament make, and thank heavens for that. Wembley Stadium on Saturday was as much in its pomp as the old arena can be made to appear, but the England team, coming off lucky in the end to draw with a most ordinary Switzerland team, were surely far from the best we can produce.

We really could not have started off the most important tournament in England for 30 years with more advantages. The Swiss even had two experienced players suspended because of yellow cards in the qualifiers and yet the turning point to this first encounter was the sight, shortly after half-time, of Johann Vogel, a youth of 19, who admitted at the training camp that the thought of competing against Paul Gascoigne, "one of the greats", overawed him, brushing his hero aside. The Swiss say that Vogel is not particularly fast. He was made to look like Linford Christie.

Yet England had had the start they wanted when Alan Shearer repaid the astonishing longevity of Terry Venables's faith and tolerance. Forget the excuses that he is more than a goalscorer — a non-striking centre-forward is a weight on the whole team's confidence — and so, when Shearer did breach Marco Pascolo's goal in the 22nd minute with thunderous might and consummate confidence, it was like water on the parched tongue of a player who had striven in vain for 1,088 minutes to score for England.

It was a move of quality, too. Gascoigne, in the first half once again the one Englishman whose technical ease with the ball shone out, began it. His ball through the middle found Shearer, who gave it to Ince and then turned intuitively to move ten yards into space in the penalty area.

Ince, though he was to become quite irresponsible in the second half, now moved with mind and body fully coordinated. He held the ball, he waited and, when he slipped it through no fewer than four rather static red shirts, there was Shearer to beat the goalkeeper from eight yards at the near post with the kind of freedom and power that make him the most consistent marksman in English football.

Perhaps the Swiss had a case for complaint that, if Shearer was inside, then Sheringham may have been marginally off. That was to matter no more, no less than England's later complaint that the handball by Stuart Pearce that conceded the penalty equaliser was "involuntary".

However, between the two actions was the sorry tale of England's game falling away, a quite distressing vision of England's reputation for stamina, athletic preparation and mental courage appearing bloated beyond belief. Before half-time, Sheringham had headed against the goal-



Anderton joins Shearer to celebrate the England forward's first goal for his country in 1,088 minutes of international football

keeper's legs, Shearer and Southgate had both directed "free headers" off target and the warnings that no ounce of complacency was justified came largely through the pace of them, ensuring that England's attacking partnership of Shearer and Sheringham was split. How Sheringham wilted in this contest of wills: how Vega, the Spanish-born Switzerland central defender,

dominated while Geiger took care of the Tottenham man.

And, when England sat back, the Swiss re-invigorated their attacks from midfield until they more than deserved the luck of an equaliser a full

hour after the England goal. Southgate, so sure of himself until then, unwittingly gave the game away. His header out of defence fell straight to Grassi, whose attempt to hook the ball back into the goal-

mouth was met by Pearce. His hands were dangerously high and, though he would claim his only thought was protecting his face, once the ball struck his hand, the Spanish referee was entitled to interpret that harshly as a penalty. Turkeyilmaz almost nonchalantly sent Seaman scuttling to his right and delivered the ball along the ground.

The draw was as much as a faded England deserved, particularly when, in the final minutes, Chapuisat, on as a substitute, made Adams grope with ridiculous ineptitude and Grassi drew the save of the match from Seaman.

"You don't just get given the points," Venables snapped. "It's not fantasy football." No sir, not even close.

ENGLAND (4-4-1-1): D. Hansen (Arsenal); G. Southgate (Tottenham Hotspur); Adams (Arsenal); G. Southgate (Aston Villa); S. Pearce (Nottingham Forest) — D. Anderson (Tottenham Hotspur); P. Ince (Internacional); P. Pearce (Tottenham Hotspur); D. Platt (Arsenal); T. Venables (McManaman (Liverpool, sub: S. Stone, Nottingham Forest); 67) — E. Sheringham (Tottenham Hotspur); A. Shearer (Tottenham Hotspur); 67) — A. Pearce (Bacelona Rover).

SWITZERLAND (4-3-1-2): M. Pascolo (Servette); S. Jenzer (Neuchâtel Xamax); R. Geiger (Graz); S. Henchoz (SV Hamburg); Y. Quardin (FC Sozzi) — J. Vogel (Grasshopper, A. Gelpe (Grasshopper, sub: M. Koller, Grasshopper, 67); S. Vega (Barcelona); C. Anderton (FC Sozzi, sub: S. Chabalat, Borussia Dortmund; 67) — M. Grassi (Rennes); K. Turkeyilmaz (Grasshopper). Referee: M. Diaz Vega (Spain)



Pearce struggles to come to terms with the penalty decision given against him

ITV coverage falls wide of the mark for watching millions

LIKE England's performance at Wembley, ITV's handling of the opening afternoon of Euro 96 got worse as it went along. So poor was the last 15 minutes of the four-hour coverage that ITV might as well have gift-wrapped the rest of the tournament and sent it round to the BBC.

The game was over and so, eventually, were the commercials. Now, at last, was the moment for some serious footballing chat. An entire nation demanded to know: "What had it gone wrong?"

Alex Ferguson, speaking slowly to avoid the need for subtitles, said something reasonably interesting about keeping hold of the ball; John Barnes said something reasonably inevitable about the penalty ("bit harsh") and, for the first time all afternoon, Jack Charlton said nothing at all. Total time spent? Just over a minute.

MATTHEW BOND
 TV ACTION REPLAY

With that, it was down to Gary Newson in the tunnel who had . . . well, just over a minute to put the nation's questions to the England coach, Terry Venables. First question — fair enough — was about the penalty. "Looked a very harsh decision?" Venables concurred: "Very harsh." Question two used a broader brush. "What was wrong with the performance in the second half?" Poor passing was Venables's narrow-brush riposte.

"And why do you take off Gascoigne and McManaman?" Actually, that wasn't the third question at all; it was just the question that millions of England fans were willing Newson to ask. Instead, he went for the jugular with: "So the pressure's now on to get a win?" Yes, Gary I think it probably is.

Never mind, one opportunity missed — there would be more to come, surely? But apparently not. By now, well into minute three of this incisive post-match analysis, it was "competition time . . ."

of thing. "I agree," said Moore who, as a supposedly impartial professional commentator, is not. Personally, I thought their patriotic dialogue pretty much captured the mood of pre-match expectation, but, from your letters, I know many of you take a more purist view and when Moore started talking about "having a feeling in my water that I-0 might not be enough", even I began to have my doubts.

Technically, the news was more encouraging. The joint-venture between ITV and the BBC, which promises to have at least 17 cameras at every match, had all the angles covered and provided excellent replays of both moments of controversy — Shearer's goal (was it offside?) and the penalty (was it handball?).

For ITV, the problem is not the quality of the replays, but the quality of the people they have talking to the replays. Leading the discussion was Bob Wilson. It is tempting to say that Wilson looks out of practice in handling the really big occasion (ITV Sport has had a lean time of it recently) but I don't think he has ever been in practice. Well, he is about to get lost, and no doubt, he will improve. The same, however, cannot be said of Charlton, whose selection for the ITV team is one of the strangest decisions in recent television history.

In the commentary box, Brian Moore and Kevin Keegan made their partisan intentions clear from the start. "That's the best I have heard that anthem sang," observed Keegan, who, as resident expert, is allowed to say that sort

Loyalty and patience undergo another rigorous examination

Nicolas Andrews endures a day of anguish only too familiar to the terrace faithful



World Cup. Loads of fresh optimism, a bright enough start and real hopes that, this time, we would get it right. Of course, we didn't then. The waiting was on the wall long before Rotterdam a year later.

Watching England at Wembley is never much fun. Even with the stadium full again, the home advantage lies more in the minds of overawed visitors. The atmosphere is so hard to maintain, it evaporates the moment you pause for breath. The man on the public address system did his

best, pleading with us to sing along with the team song before the start: "All those tears and oh-so-nears..."

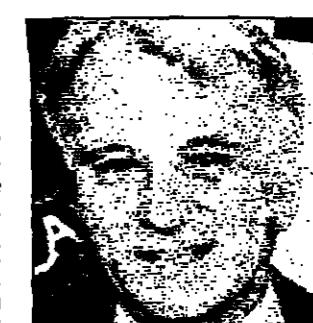
Something seemed wrong

I cannot put a price on the cost of following the national team — the money saved up, the relationships tested, the days devoted to the cause — and now? Two years of hope and eager anticipation has been shattered at a stroke. Some people might think it's all over, but I guess I'll give them just one more chance, against the Scots on Saturday.



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BOBBY ROBSON



Wembley Commentary

I know how Terry Venables is feeling this morning. I have been there myself as England manager. In the 1986 World Cup finals we lost our first match to Portugal 1-0 and, four years later, we drew with Ireland in our opening tie. Both were matches we had been expected to win. Inevitably, the pressure will build on them throughout the week.

If I could offer Terry and the team one piece of advice, it would be this. The draw with Switzerland on Saturday was a bad result. There is no way around that. It was a bad performance, too, with so many players not giving what they are capable of. The way they tired so quickly in the second half was ominous because they should not be tired in the first match. The Switz deserved their point.

Yet it is not the end of the world. We are still on the dance floor. In 1986, we reached the quarter-final before Diego Maradona cheated us. Four years later, it was all doom and gloom after the Ireland game and we made it to the semi-finals. Things change.

We did not lose against Switzerland. We have got a point. The objective is to qualify and to go on to the next stage. You cannot win the tournament until you qualify and we do not even know what is going to happen between Scotland and Holland this afternoon. We could all be level-peggng after that game.

Terry does not need to pick the team for the game against Scotland today. There is no rush. He can sit back and take stock. The team on Saturday might still be his best one for Saturday. I thought it was the right one to pick, to be honest. Perhaps there will be a couple of modifications, but I doubt there will be big changes. We have got two difficult matches to come, but we have the Switz.

When it fell apart for us in the second half, it took my mind back to the Portugal game, in particular, and it reminded me that, after that game, spirits were low in the England camp and there was a lot of pressure. But that only lasted for about 48 hours. I learnt then that players are very resilient. They know they have put you, the manager, in a spot and that they all have to row the boat together through choppy seas.

It is also the time when the real importance of the manager comes in to its own. You have to raise the spirits because the press is not going to do it for you and the hotel waiter is not going to do it. It is a time for management and you must not fail. You are the captain of the ship and it is up to you to make it sail. The team needs your guidance. The players really need you.

So Terry must be fair in his judgement and be good dribbles and beat people, there were no crosses from either him or Anderton like the ones that Barnes, Waddle and Trevor Steven used to produce in my time as England manager, giving Lineker and Beardsey the chance for the kill. Sheringham seemed very confused. He usually plays intelligently, but I thought he had one of his poorest internationals. Perhaps six years ago, Pearce might have got in front of McManaman to get some crosses of his own in, but his age is against him now.

Part of the problem, of course, is the level of expectancy that is heaped on every England team. I suppose it is Alf Ramsey's fault. If he had not won the World Cup, the expectations would not be so high, but there is great pressure on us to win a tournament again. There is a huge amount of optimism that we are the best, but I think Euro 96 will prove to people that they play great football in other parts of the Continent.

Before we get too upset

about the result, though, there is one other fact we can comfort ourselves with. Argentina lost the opening match of Italia 90 to Cameroon, even though Cameroon only had nine men by the end of the match. Who got to the final that year? Argentina. There is still a lot of football to be played in Euro 96. There is no reason to be despondent.

There was a rest for England against Scotland in the 1986 World Cup, but the team still managed to win. Paul Gascoigne scored a hat-trick, and the team went on to reach the semi-finals. However, they lost to West Germany in the final.

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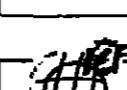
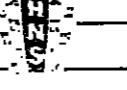
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ENGLAND  There were no players at England's Bisham Abbey training camp yesterday, but their faces in the tunnel after the draw against the Swiss on Saturday told you everything you needed to know about their reaction. Paul Gascoigne and Steve McManaman were the first to storm past the waiting media with lips sealed and grim expressions. David Seaman and Gary Neville were as polite and courteous as ever, dismayed by the setback, and Paul Ince stopped to speak too, but Stuart Pearce seemed to be feeling the pain the most. Somebody plucked up the courage to ask Pearce if he thought he was jinxed when it came to England and penalties. "I missed one penalty six years ago if that's what you mean," the Nottingham Forest defender snarled. "When you play for your country for nine years, occasionally things taste, not the penalty decision." CH	SPAIN  Spare a thought for the Spanish. They only managed their first training session for this championship six days ago and the coach, Javier Clemente, has devised some exquisite torture to put unleaded fuel back into legs drained by a never-ending season. Ice-filled swimming pools were just the start. Now, it is water therapy (as opposed to England's legger therapy). It involves jets of icy water aimed at delicate tissue, followed by saunas and freezing plunges. On top of that, there is strenuous massage and even acupuncture. It is all finished off by a long soak in a massage pool. They may not win this tournament, but they must have a chance in the synchronised swimming at the Olympics. It is an unusual preparation, but Clemente believes that it may just give his side an edge. "Sometimes it can become too intense during the build-up," he said. "This has helped my players relax, and we might see the benefits later." DM	GERMANY  At times, Euro 96 is less like a football tournament than a flesh market. Even the Germans, who usually handle these things better, are not immune. Andreas Köpke, their Eintracht Frankfurt goalkeeper, who is expected to sign for Stuttgart, planned a press conference on Saturday to announce his future, but cancelled it at the last minute. Even more doubtful were reports yesterday that Jürgen Klinsmann is heading for Chelsea. "After last week's friendly against France, Jürgen said on television that he would remain with Bayern whatever the difficulties, and he is not one to go easily back on his word," a German FA spokesman said. Germany were pleased to welcome back Mario Basler on Saturday after an operation in Berlin to remove a loose fragment of bone in his ankle had been successful. Yesterday, Basler was walking freely around the camp, and is expected to be fit to face Russia next Sunday. PB	DENMARK  So much for Scandinavians being a race with suicidal tendencies. The Denmark camp is so happy that the beef they brought with them to their base in Yorkshire should be tested. No potential problem has proved too big a hurdle. MD Foods, the team's sponsor, had been troubled by rumours that it would not be allowed to serve its dairy products at team functions because of a conflict of interests with Carlsberg, a tournament sponsor. However, MD and Carlsberg have reached a happy compromise, and now the world's media can tuck into as much cheese and biscuits as they like when they meet the team. Having got off to a poor start in the European championship finals four years ago, when they won the title, Richard Møller Nielsen, the coach, is more than happy to take one game at a time. AR
SWITZERLAND  No rest for those wicked Swiss, who dared to snatch a draw against England's "Cuckoo Clots" on Saturday. Not long after the last cowbell had been dragged out of Wembley, the buoyant squad was swapping its Hertfordshire headquarters for rooms at The Belfry in Sutton Coldfield. It is nearer Villa Park, where they play Holland on Thursday. Little time for celebrations, either. Arnt Jorge, the Switzerland coach, decreed more practice yesterday morning, when the players were instructed to trot along to Bodymoor Heath, the Aston Villa training ground, for another get-fit session. The Swiss press were also in joyous mood after despatching their English counterparts 3-1 before the main event at Wembley. Apparently, it all went badly wrong for our brave lads after they decided, bewilderingly, to instal a certain Graham Kelly between the sticks. They should have known better, surely? RK	BULGARIA  Bulgaria, land of peasant farmers and backward industrialists scratching to make a living in the brave, new capitalist world, right? Wrong, at least if you are a footballer. Their stars are among the highest-paid in Europe, and the Bulgarian football association has had to go some to ensure that they have offered a sufficiently motivating bonus. It used to be that countries from eastern Europe saw liberty as the best bonus of all when playing in this championship. Not any more. The squad is on a £2.5 million incentive to lift the trophy, and their biggest stars, such as Stoichkov and Leitchkov, can expect to pick up a cool half-million if they guide their team-mates to success. The coach, Dimitar Penev, is happy enough with the efforts of his association, and he believes everything is in place to ensure a new name on the trophy. "We set ourselves several objectives before this tournament, and every one has been reached," he said.	CZECH REPUBLIC  Such is the degree of mobility around Europe in the modern era that it is hard to believe that none of the Czech Republic players, other than Pavel Smicer, the Newcastle United goalkeeper, had ever seen Old Trafford before their visit on Saturday. They gaped in wonder and were so highly impressed that the odds on at least one of the squad signing for Manchester United have been shortened. "They thought it was brilliant," a team spokesman said. Dusan Uhrin, the Czech coach, kept training tight ahead of the game yesterday, with the emphasis on players just running around and having fun. What will make or break the team over the tournament, however, will be its "psychological preparation". The Czechs' hotel rooms are too small for sharing, so the players sit alone in contemplation of goals, glory and a possible move to England. AR	PORTUGAL  With Portuguese clubs penurious, and so offering easy pickings for the big clubs of Italy, Spain and England, Portugal's game with Denmark last night was one of the main attractions for the scouts so far. Vitor Baia, the captain, has already left FC Porto to rejoin Bobby Robson at Barcelona, and the futures of the Parma defender, Fernando Couto, and José Pinto, the little striker, are a constant source of speculation, with Barca also unlikely to be able to hold on to their star forward. Liverpool were connected with Pinto last season, but decided, probably rightly, that his fragile skills were unlikely to transfer successfully to the FA Carling Premiership. Manchester United's interest in Couto is harder, but that, too, has yet to be translated into a firm bid. "It's all speculation," Joseph Wilson, the Portugal press officer, said yesterday. "At the moment all we are concerned with is our next game." PB
HOLLAND  Pitchforks have caused a few diplomatic embarrassments in Euro 96, with several countries having complained that their training facilities were not up to scratch. Germany were miffed by the lack of a suitable surface, not sunbeds, at Macclesfield Town's Moss Rose ground, while Switzerland and Turkey have had their problems, too. At least Holland's teething problems at Clarence Park, home of St Albans City, have finally been sorted out. Initially, the Dutch were ready to go elsewhere after St Albans refused to blank out their advertising boards, as instructed by Euro 96 officials. Eventually, the Ici League premier division club relented, covered up, and are now happily playing host to Guus Hiddink's squad. Hence, work-watchers talking to fellow onlooker: "This must be the best side you've ever had down here?" Hence sad reply: "No, not really. Arsenal have been here quite a few times." RK	ROMANIA  Anghel Iordanescu, the Romania coach and committed Christian, has claimed that the "only way to win Euro 96 is to be offensive". Well, Romania certainly had no compassion for the Durham Schools XI against whom they limbered up at Newcastle's Maiden Castle training ground. Virtually all the 22-man squad has run out and the A level students did not know whether to attempt tackles or request autographs in a match refereed by George Courtney, the retired Fifa official. While Courtney is a primary school headmaster in Spennymoor, Hegi, Romania's star player, is a partner with an Arab dentist in a Bucharest surgery but seems likely to remain a sleeping figurehead as he appears certain to swap Barcelona for Japan, the United States or England this summer. No matter, his dental skills might have been required on Friday when the Romanians trained between ducking cricket balls flying over from an adjacent university student match at Maiden Castle. LT	ITALY  They are very sympathetic, in the Italy camp, over the attention and criticism levelled at the England team. They also believe that such criticism is a boon. As Roberto Muzzi pointed out, just look how far the Italians got after their bashing for a poor start to the 1990 World Cup in the United States. However, as group C is particularly talented, Italy are trying to play out all their disappointing games before their opening match tomorrow. Hence an explanation for their uninspiring victory over Hungary before arriving in England for the European championship finals and their even less promising 2-0 defeat of Stoke City's under-18s at the Victoria Ground on Saturday evening in a behind-closed-doors match. The starting line-up for the last match before a competitive fixture is usually indicative of what Arrigo Sacchi has in mind for the big game. Maybe not this time. AR	TURKEY  When Turkey threw a barbecue at their Belton Woods hotel headquarters, near Grantham, on Saturday, for players, officials and journalists, the response was rather more enthusiastic than they anticipated. About 20 Turkish television crews turned up to film and dine alongside the 18th green of the hotel golf course, which, presumably, did wonders for the putting surface. Yes, kebabs were on the menu, as well as feta cheese and salad, but the Turks were also treated to the local speciality of Lincolnshire sausages. The chef clearly has a diploma in international relations, too, as he discreetly ignored beef and made the dish with lamb instead. This evening, designated Turkish Cultural Day in nearby Nottingham, the players will get their first glimpse of the City Ground, where they take on Croatia in their opening group D match tomorrow. It is a closed training session. No cameras, please. RK
SCOTLAND  At what point does realism turn into disloyalty? The plans of the Scotland defender, Stewart McMillie, pose the question. It transpires that the Aberdeen player has booked his family holiday in Florida to start on June 22. McMillie, however, will only be able to fly out that day if his country is eliminated at the group stage. The manager, Craig Brown, may also have some reservations about his team's prospects. Alex Smith, one of his coaching staff, is due to defend a civil action and, with the setting of a trial date in mind, Brown has written to the court to say there is a "distinct possibility" that the Scotland party will be free to return home after meeting Switzerland on June 18. Of course, McMillie and Brown may just be working in concert to delude Holland, this afternoon's opponents, as to Scotland's true resolve. More will surely be known by super-time. KM	FRANCE  The Blackburn street vendor who took a gamble on a job lot of berets, plastic onions and striped shirts will be smitten: Christophe Dugarry has decided to turn to Italy instead of Ewood Park. Surprising that, especially given England's performance in their opening game against Switzerland on Saturday. Dugarry expressed remorse to the English journalists present, but explained that even though Rovers had made him a lucrative offer, there were other considerations in plumping for AC Milan. There are no prizes for guessing that the depressing technical standard of the English game was high on the list. "At the moment, I believe that England is still quite a way behind the top European countries such as Italy, Spain and France," he said. "I think that I am going to have success in the European competitions if I move to Italy. I was happy with the money, but it is not everything." DM	RUSSIA  After seeing his Spartak Moscow side torn apart by the depredations of Western clubs, it is perhaps hardly surprising that Oleg Romantsev, the Russia coach, is trying to keep his players under wraps for this tournament. After extending Ajax and Juventus before Christmas, Spartak fell away markedly after the winter break. This tournament offers Romantsev the chance to put the record straight, but, he admitted, "it puts extra pressure on us". The capacity of Russian teams to cope with pressure has been one of their problems in the past. "Teams have sometimes lost the psychological battle," Romantsev said, and with Italy to face in the first match tomorrow, the Russians' psychological preparedness will be vital. At the team's open day, at Wigan on Friday, the players signed autographs for the local children, but were kept away from the press. Romantsev is trying to avoid them, but will hold a press conference today, at Uefa's insistence. AR	CROATIA  Miroslav Blazevic is the oldest coach at the European championship finals. Blazevic, 51, will also be one of the quietest, judging by his display at a press conference in Oakham, Leicestershire, yesterday. Impatiently clutching a cigarette, and clearly desperate for the talk to be finished so that he could light up, he was about as communicative as Duncan Ferguson on a quiet day. His lack of linguistic skills did not help, but he has at least mastered two coherent responses. "Absolutely", if he agrees with the questioner's observation, or, "Absolutely no", if he does not. Expect liberal helpings of journalistic licence in any stories involving comments from Blazevic over the next few weeks. Better to chat to Davor Suker, the Real Madrid striker. When asked if he would be joining the Croatian influx to England, he said: "No. They drive on the wrong side of the road. It is too dangerous." RK

MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
England 1 Switzerland 1 Shearer (23), Turkylmaz (83 pen) (at Wembley, attendance 76,567)	Spain 1 Bulgaria 1 Munoz (73) (at Elland Road, attendance 26,006)	Germany 2 Czech Republic 0 Ziege (25), Möller (31) (at Old Trafford, attendance 37,300)	Not including last night's match Denmark v Portugal (Hillsborough)
Today Holland v Scotland (Villa Park, 4.30)	Romania v France (St James' Park, 7.30)	Tomorrow Italy v Russia (Anfield, 4.30)	Tomorrow Turkey v Croatia (City Ground, 7.30)
Thur June 13 Switzerland v Holland (Villa Park, 7.30)	Thur June 13 Bulgaria v Romania (St James' Park, 4.30)	Fri June 14 Czech Republic v Italy (Anfield, 7.30)	Fri June 14 Portugal v Turkey (City Ground, 4.30)
Sat June 15 England v Scotland (Wembley, 3.0)	Sat June 15 France v Spain (Elland Road, 6.0)	Sun June 16 Russia v Germany (Old Trafford, 3.0)	Sun June 16 Croatia v Denmark (Hillsborough, 6.0)
Tues June 18 Scotland v Switzerland (Villa Park, 7.30)	Tues June 18 France v Bulgaria (St James' Park, 4.30)	Wed June 19 Italy v Germany (Old Trafford, 7.30)	Wed June 19 Croatia v Portugal (City Ground, 4.30)
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Switzerland 1 0 1 0 1 1 1	Bulgaria 1 0 1 0 1 1 1	Czech Rep 1 0 0 1 0 2 0	Portugal 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Holland 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Romania 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Italy 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Turkey 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Scotland 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	France 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Russia 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Croatia 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

QUARTER-FINALS

Sat June 22 Winners Group B v Runners-up Group A (Anfield, 6.30)
Sun June 23 Winners Group C v Runners-up Group D (Old Trafford, 3.0)
Sun June 23 Runners-up Group C v Runners-up Group D (Villa Park, 6.30)

SEMI-FINALS

Wed June 26 Villa Park winners v Anfield winners (Old Trafford, 4.0)
Wed June 26 Wembley winners v Old Trafford winners (Wembley, 7.30)

FINAL

Sun June 30 Wembley (7.0)

PREVIOUS WINNERS
1960 USSR
1964 Spain
1968 Italy
1972 West Germany
1976 Czechoslovakia
1980 West Germany
1984 France
1988 Holland
1992 Denmark

RUNNERS-UP
1960 Yugoslavia
1964 USSR
1968 Yugoslavia
1972 USSR
1976 West Germany
1980 Belgium
1984 Spain
1988 USSR
1992 Germany

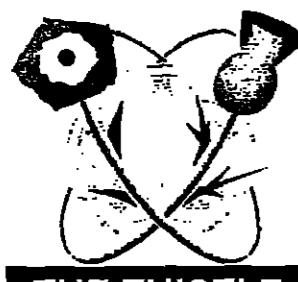
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LATEST BETTING
7-2: Germany
5-1: Italy
11-2: Holland
6-1: France
8-1: England
10-1: Portugal
12-1: Croatia

LATEST BETTING
16-1: Russia
25-1: Bulgaria
25-1: Romania
25-1: Denmark
50-1: Switzerland
88-1: Czech Republic
80-1: Scotland
100-1: Turkey

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Old scores to settle as hostilities are resumed



**THE THISTLE
AND
THE ROSE**

David Miller begins a three-part series on the rivalry between England and Scotland

In 1955, Stanley Matthews prepared for England's match against Scotland a little differently from Paul Gascoigne and his pals in their warm-up for Euro 96. He fasted for three days. England won 7-2 and Matthews, a mere 40 at the time, had a hand in all seven goals. Spare me talk of the 29-year-old superstar Gazza.

"It was the end of the league season and I felt I'd become a bit sluggish with Blackpool," Sir Stanley recalls, "so, the previous week, I had nothing to eat for three days, just a little water. On the Monday before the game, I started eating a little — some salads, carrot juice. By Saturday, I felt tremendous. If the ball had gone over the stand, I'd have followed it."

Harry Haddock, the Scotland left back and captain of Clyde, vainly attempted to follow the maestro and received the worst drubbing of his career. So supreme was Matthews that, to this day, Haddock remembers the occasion with reverence, indeed gratitude. His humiliation made him briefly famous. "It's a memory I treasure," Haddock would recall 30 years later. "Stan did things that day that people nowadays would not believe possible."

The story of the oldest of all international fixtures, begun in 1872, is peppered with spectacular victories for both sides in a sporting rivalry that is underscored by political history. There is no exaggeration in the assertion by many Scots this week that they would accept failure to qualify for the quarter-finals of the championship provided that they can beat England at Wembley on Saturday.



DAVID MILLER

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CRICKET

England cheered by happy ending to brief encounter

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

EDGBASTON (fourth day of five): England beat India by eight wickets

ENGLAND have suffered so much distress around the cricketing world that victory must never be lightly dismissed. Michael Atherton was sipping champagne before lunchtime yesterday, and rightly so, for, in the eventual emphatic defeat of India, there was much to celebrate. It is a pity, then, that there has to be a "but".

The caveats to praise of England's performance in this first Cornhill Test are that victory was achieved against shallow opposition, on a sub-standard pitch and with the incalculable help of three contentious umpiring decisions. Things will not always fall so happily for Atherton's team, so it is as well that it seems to have acquired the tenacity to cope in adversity.

As the captain was swift to stress later, the margin of victory disguised the volatile nature of the game. "There were periods when it was in the balance," Atherton said. "We were made to work hard for it and we showed a bit of character in the tough times."

When asked to describe the fickle surface, which once again short-changed Edgbaston's weekend spectators, Atherton grinned. "I got my knuckles rapped for speaking out here last year, so I had better keep my thoughts to myself. Let's just say it was interesting." There were plenty of batsmen, having had their knuckles rapped physically rather than figuratively, and plenty of disgruntled ticket-holders, who were willing to select a somewhat stronger word for it.

Nasser Hussain, the man of the match for his decisive century on Friday, described it as "a funny pitch with uneven bounce". He added: "If the bowlers put it in the right place, it was a constant struggle." And this, from one of only two men in the game, the other being a genius named Sachin Tendulkar, who managed to make batting look relatively comfortable.

Warwickshire officials defend the quality of their square with the huffiness of the paranoid, but even they must concede that staging two consecutive Test matches of embarrassing brevity is more than an unfortunate coincidence. Whereas the game last year was over by Saturday lunchtime, this one hobbled into its fourth day only because England saw no rush to finish it on the third.

It is small wonder that so few people had purchased advance tickets for yesterday and the concession of the Test and County Cricket Board that they can all have a 50 per cent discount on the corresponding Sunday here next

June is unlikely to be greeted as a great bargain. The main reasons why the angry crowd scenes of last year were not repeated are that few people had bothered to come and that, this time, England won.

In their present form, India can offer no more than the best batsman in the world and an incisive pair of new-ball bowlers. Between them, this valiant trio sustained an uneven fight against an England side that was collectively far superior.

The selectors must be applauded for the renaissance of Hussain and Chris Lewis, and for the quietly encouraging blooding of Ronnie Irani and Alan Mullally. They also deserve credit for picking men who can field, for this was the most striking area of improvement in England's game.

England unquestionably had the better of the umpiring. Darrell Hair, the Australian, had an unhappy game and while he could not be blamed for adjudicating on Rathore's dismissal on Saturday morning — only Hick knows if the ball did not carry to him at slip — his reprieve of Hussain, from an apparent leg-side glove to the wicketkeeper on Friday, and of Atherton, palpably leg-before on Saturday evening, were harder to explain away.

The Indians, being a gentlemanly side, offer none of this

way of excuse. "Everyone saw what happened so I don't need to say any more," Mohammed Azharuddin, their captain, shrugged, "but I do think the third umpire could be used for help on catches when there is any doubt."

Azharuddin was properly critical of his team's batting. "I was not happy with it. We lost the advantage of the toss on the first day." He presumably included himself in this, for he was out to two poor strokes, on Saturday being bowled behind his legs by Mullally, a serious misjudgement for a player of such quality.

Tendulkar was majestic to behold. His was one of the great centuries, for it was made out of the rubble of an innings and in testing conditions. England would gladly buy his wicket for 50 every time he walks to the middle in this series, for they will now be confident that those around him will come more quietly.

Atherton found himself before the match referee, Cammie Smith, for intervening unnecessarily after Tendulkar had gestured that a ball from Lewis brushed his shirtsleeve rather than his glove. No action was taken, nor any merited.

Appropriately, Atherton saw his side through to victory yesterday with an unbeaten 53, losing only Hussain, as the final 48 were scored in 65 minutes. Raymond Illingworth was not present to see it, but it looks increasingly likely that he will remain as chairman of selectors through the summer.

His disciplinary hearing, provisionally set for Wednesday, has been indefinitely delayed after his solicitor, Alan Herd, asked for more time to mount the defence. It may not be staged until the series against India is over, by which time a victory ought to be secure and even the hawks may pull back from the desire to hasten his retirement.

CRICKET

Ambrose laughs off tall stories of apparent decline

CURTLY AMBROSE is such an inscrutable fellow that it must be pure guesswork just what goes on way up there in his head. It is a fair bet, however, that his memories have flown fast and mixed these past few days, as the Edgbaston Test has recalled the events of a year ago.

Ambrose thought that the Birmingham pitch, in its brief but startling two-tone phase, had been tailored specifically for him when his first ball of that game performed an extravagant leap over baulks and wicketkeeper. He had soon taken two prime England wickets, one with spiteful lift, and was enjoying himself so much that the more squeamish were inclined to turn their televisions to the wall before he hobbled off the field, and out of the match, with a groin strain.

We wondered if we were seeing the physically impaired twilight of a great bowler, for Ambrose is into his thirties and his joints have been roundly punished. When it transpired that he was among the West Indies players disciplined for unbecoming behaviour later in the tour, sage heads nodded in agreement that here was a disaffected cricketer who recognised retirement beckoning.

Certainly, few expected to see him bowling in county cricket again and many an eyebrow was raised when Northamptonshire boldly proceeded with their long-term plan to re-engage him for this summer. Thus far, however, Ambrose has confounded the cynical majority.

Take Saturday. While he may have cast an envious glance at the television pictures from nearby Birmingham, and another treacherous pitch, Ambrose had to buckle down to bowling on the most placid surface in the country and yet, at Trent Bridge, the venue for the third Test for which the battered Indians are already yearning, Ambrose took six wickets to oblige Northamptonshire to follow on.

His analysis included a spell of four for 26 with the



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second new ball and gave Northamptonshire hope of their first win of the season. Northamptonshire's 11-month wait for a championship victory, meanwhile, must inevitably go on, extended by the striking commitment of the Antiguan in circumstances that were neither glamorous nor encouraging.

Once this would have surprised even those within his own side. It is only two years since Ambrose arrived so late for the county season that he put his contract at risk and, when the merits of his bowling are set against the defects of his character, bulkiness will rate a strong mention. Now, it seems, we are seeing a transformation.

Ambrose is suddenly the life and soul of the Northamptonshire side. We are not privy to his reasons, for he still guards his privacy against even the mildest of media inquiries, but perhaps it is simply that time is running short and his desire to win a county trophy is strong.

Not only is he bowling with all the old skill and enthusiasm, he has also started to field amid the action at slip, rather than grazing at third man. He has even been seen running errands, ferrying bowlers' sweaters and caps to the umpires, and when his batting decided a tense Sunday league game against Warwickshire's last week, preserving North-

amptonshire's unbeaten one-day record, Ambrose sprinted off waving his bat triumphantly above his head as if it were a World Cup final.

It is stirring stuff and much appreciated at Northampton, where opinion may be hardening against the proposal for at least one season — 1999 — free of overseas players. The countries must vote on the issue in August and, as human nature dictates, most will vote according to their own relationship with the existing arrangement. If they have a good, exciting foreigner, they will not be as inclined to see the benefits of an all-English experiment as might those countries either out of luck or out of love with their chosen import.

Middlesex, for instance, Dion Nash, the New Zealander, has only appeared in one championship game for them this season, but, on Saturday, they completed a second consecutive win, beating Glamorgan by nine wickets. They are likely to feel that the game can proceed happily enough without overseas help, especially if Paul Weekes has more days like this — he took eight for 39, easily a career best, with his under-used off spin, then scored 40 not out and finished the match with a six.

Yorkshire, late converts to the acceptance of overseas players, now have a jewel in Michael Bevan. The Australian made his third century of the season, at Middlesex, where Surrey should be beaten today, and it was ironic that, simultaneously, Sachin Tendulkar should be defying the England bowlers so memorably. While Bevan tours with Australia next summer, Tendulkar is likely to be back with Yorkshire. They, too, are unlikely to vote out their board's marketing committee, are concerned about their scope for signing a similarly lucrative deal if England's home Test matches remain one of the "listed events" under the terms of the new bill.

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"With little prospect of ITV or Channel 4 bidding for live coverage, cricket will be seriously and unfairly penalised without proper competition from subscription channels," Downing said yesterday. "BBC would be on its own and Test cricket the only sport forced to operate in a one-customer market. Other sports with events earmarked for listing have strong competition among terrestrial broadcasters."

Domestic Test matches constitute about one-third of cricket's total television output of 600 hours this summer. Other "listed" events — such as the Grand National, the Derby, and the FA Cup and Scottish Cup finals — are much shorter and form fractions of their sports' total coverage. They have much less impact, therefore, on the value of television deals.

"English cricket's revenue has increased recently, but that was chiefly

because it was able to receive bids for live coverage from a really competitive field for the first time in 1994," Blake said. "Cricket signed a responsible television deal, delivering the game to the whole spectrum of broadcasters through five coverage, highlights packages and magazine programmes, and across an accessible range of viewing times. It also enabled the sport to plan sensibly for its future. That may not be the case next time."

Blake and Downing have a persuasive argument for cricket being treated as a special case. The English game is set to a course of change in an attempt to improve its standing in the world game and, towards this aim, has prepared a national development plan and begun investing its television revenue.

If the board's bargaining power is curbed, though, the whole process may suffer. The TCCB has asked the Department of National Heritage to take Test cricket off the list once legislation is complete. The bill has reached committee stage in the House of Commons and the legislation is

likely to be completed before the end of the summer.

Earlier this year, Lord Howell, the former Labour Minister for Sport, gained a significant victory in the House of Lords in what was acclaimed in some quarters as a victory for the viewer, but the long-term consequences — especially for cricket — were obscured.

Lord Howell won an amendment preserving ten leading sporting events in Britain for live coverage on terrestrial television on the grounds that they were part of the nation's cultural heritage. Blake and Downing believe Howell's fears are groundless because the ruling bodies of sport, including the TCCB, have signed a voluntary code of conduct over the sale of broadcasting rights designed to secure the development of their sports and ensure the public is not denied access to important events.

The first-class counties have been apprised of the TCCB's concerns over the bill, but many are committed to spending large sums establishing their own administrative boards — as part of the national plan — and updating grounds. As Downing said: "Who will compensate the national summer sport if this bill goes through and Test matches remain on the list?"

Board opposes Test matches' listed status

Simon Wilde reports on fears of a fall in revenue from television because of lack of competition

The development of cricket in Britain and plans to restructure the game "from playground to Test arena" under the proposed English Cricket Board could be undermined by the recent amendment to the Government's broadcasting bill, according to two of the men instrumental in signing cricket's groundbreaking £60 million television contract two years ago.

The four-day deal, which was three times bigger than its predecessor, has enabled English cricket to invest in locating and nurturing the next generation of county and international players and enhancing the working conditions of the present generation. However, the contract expires in 1998 and Terry Blake, the Test and County Cricket Board's marketing manager, and Brian Downing, chairman of the board's marketing committee, are

concerned about their scope for signing a similarly lucrative deal if England's home Test matches remain one of the "listed events" under the terms of the new bill.

If they could take bids for exclusive live coverage once again — which the BBC secured under the present deal — from a variety of terrestrial and satellite broadcasters in an open marketplace, another substantially increased contract might be won. In fact,

what may happen is that the next deal will be smaller than the existing one, with potentially damaging consequences for the game.

"With little prospect of ITV or Channel 4 bidding for live coverage, cricket will be seriously and unfairly penalised without proper competition from subscription channels," Downing said yesterday. "BBC would be on its own and Test cricket the only sport forced to operate in a one-customer market. Other sports with events

earmarked for listing have strong competition among terrestrial broadcasters."

Domestic Test matches constitute about one-third of cricket's total television output of 600 hours this summer. Other "listed" events — such as the Grand National, the Derby, and the FA Cup and Scottish Cup finals — are much shorter and form fractions of their sports' total coverage. They have much less impact, therefore, on the value of television deals.

"English cricket's revenue has increased recently, but that was chiefly

because it was able to receive bids for live coverage from a really competitive field for the first time in 1994," Blake said. "Cricket signed a responsible television deal, delivering the game to the whole spectrum of broadcasters through five coverage, highlights packages and magazine programmes, and across an accessible range of viewing times. It also enabled the sport to plan sensibly for its future. That may not be the case next time."

Blake and Downing have a persuasive argument for cricket being treated as a special case. The English game is set to a course of change in an attempt to improve its standing in the world game and, towards this aim, has prepared a national development plan and begun investing its television revenue.

If the board's bargaining power is curbed, though, the whole process may suffer. The TCCB has asked the Department of National Heritage to take Test cricket off the list once legislation is complete. The bill has reached committee stage in the House of Commons and the legislation is

likely to be completed before the end of the summer.

Earlier this year, Lord Howell, the former Labour Minister for Sport, gained a significant victory in the House of Lords in what was acclaimed in some quarters as a victory for the viewer, but the long-term consequences — especially for cricket — were obscured.

Lord Howell won an amendment preserving ten leading sporting events in Britain for live coverage on terrestrial television on the grounds that they were part of the nation's cultural heritage. Blake and Downing believe Howell's fears are groundless because the ruling bodies of sport, including the TCCB, have signed a voluntary code of conduct over the sale of broadcasting rights designed to secure the development of their sports and ensure the public is not denied access to important events.

The first-class counties have been apprised of the TCCB's concerns over the bill, but many are committed to spending large sums establishing their own administrative boards — as part of the national plan — and updating grounds. As Downing said: "Who will compensate the national summer sport if this bill goes through and Test matches remain on the list?"

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Essex v Lancashire

CHAMPSFORD (third day of four). Lancashire, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 10 runs ahead of Essex.

ESSEX: First Innings: 508 (S G Law 144, A P Grayson 128, J M Tait 101, J B Lewis 62, I D Tait 61, R H Morris 16).

LANCASHIRE: First Innings:

N J Speak 10 Such... 29

N T Wood & Rollins & Cowan 11... 29

J R Crowley & Law 110... 29

B J Tait & Such 163... 29

G D Lloyd & Rollins & Cowan 241... 29

M J Waller & Rollins & Cowan 241... 29

T W Hegg & Grayson & Cowan 45... 29

G Chapple & Grayson & Cowan 10... 29

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Extras (1 b, 17 nb, 14) 14... 29

Total (9 wkt) 611... 29

Score at 120 overs: 528-5

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TENNIS

Kafelnikov holds nerve for first grand-slam title

THE French Open championships reached a climax yesterday with two of the bravest shots you could ever hope to see. The first was hit by Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the 22-year-old who was about to become the first Russian to win a grand-slam men's single title — and, moreover, to do it in straight sets.

Everybody present on another roasting afternoon at Roland Garros sensed that we were witnessing the emergence of a world No 1. A stir of excitement ran through the crowd, which had been emotionally behind this slim, blond, young man from the Black Sea resort of Sochi since he took the first set.

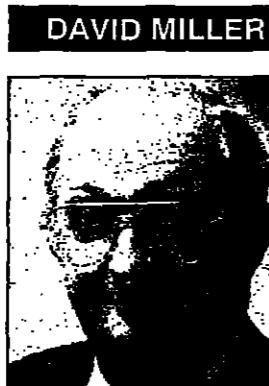
Kafelnikov, the No 6 seed at present ranked No 7 in the world, had been 5-2 down against Michael Stich in the second set, then a break down in the third, before recovering, only to miss two match points at 5-4. At that moment, he said afterwards, he was gripped by fatigue. "I felt I was never going to make it," he said.

Now he stood 5-3 in the tie-break, with victory in sight. He had led 4-1, but Stich, at last successfully attacking the net, pulled back to 4-3. A deep first service gave Kafelnikov 5-3. On the next point, Stich, all 6ft 6in of him, again raced into the net. Kafelnikov's energy might have been fading fast, but Stich's situation was far more desperate.

As he advanced, Kafelnikov, who had played with a veteran's maturity from the baseline, reached out for his place in history, never mind that it may be the first of many. With breathtaking accuracy, he struck a backhand top-spin lob over Stich that left the German vainly groping with his racket in empty air. The ball fell some six feet inside the baseline: 6-3, and another three match points.

How the crowd applauded, not least a heavily-built Russian businessman, wearing a thick, charcoal-coloured suit in the second row of the main tribune, who had waved a tiny Russian flag at every change of ends and was now grasping the stick so tightly that his knuckles were white.

The audience was silent and



At the French Open in Paris

DAVID MILLER
Kafelnikov was ranked No 450 in the world among the juniors. "I was nobody," he said, still dazed by the impact of his success, searching for words in his more than adequate English. No wonder that Anatoly Lepeshin, his coach, who had taken him in hand 12 years ago with no more evidence than his own conviction, was in tears at the finish.

Kafelnikov, the first Russian to make the top ten, has won nine singles titles and, including the rewards from his enthusiastic doubles activity, has already become Russia's youngest sports millionaire.

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Yet here fortune had run dry. On Stich's next service,

momentarily spellbound, waiting for Stich to serve. All afternoon, he had been taunting Kafelnikov with drop shots and now, after a second service, he hit a stunner — a backhand drop that fell as dead as a letter on the door mat. He was still alive.

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Life on the circuit was only just beginning, he acknowledged. "I'll have to stay more focused," he said, though he believes that he is mentally much more mature than two years' ago, the reward of playing many more tournaments, including doubles.

Before going to Halle to practise on grass for Wimbledon, he will fly home today to visit his family. The Russian public has mixed emotions about their champion: he is reluctant to give interviews, to discuss his private life. "I am a private person, I don't talk too much," he said. "I want to be the same person even now I have won a grand-slam title."

How close it had been. At 4-3 down in the first set, Kafelnikov had served three double faults, two of them to give Stich points for 5-3. In the tie-break of that set, Stich had saved two set points. When the German had rallied to make it 5-5 in the second set, Kafelnikov had hammered his racket on the ground, luckily receiving no warning. If he had lived dangerously, however, he had also shown the steel of a true champion.



Stich: true champion

At the French Open in Paris

Kafelnikov displays intense concentration during his straight-sets victory over Stich in the French Open men's singles final yesterday

Graf's enduring qualities reach peak

FROM DAVID MILLER

FOR the first time in a fortnight, Steffi Graf is a work hard for her money. And some, as the Americans say, what level of performance might this German woman have achieved in the long term, I wonder. Had she been taken the latter on Saturday, with Daniel Vacek, of the Czech Republic. They beat Guy Forget, of France, and Jakob Hlasek, of Switzerland, in straight sets.

Only five years ago, Deprived for three years of the foremost challenge, by the assault on Monica Seles, Graf is in a class of her own. On Saturday, in winning her fifth French Open women's singles, her 26th grand slam final — and with it almost £500,000 — she dropped her first set, and should not even have done that.

Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, the belligerent little Spaniard, ferociously tested not just the range of Graf's technique but the durability of her temperament. Graf's 6-3, 6-7, 10-8 victory, in the longest of French women's singles finals, was a lesson in fortitude by

both women. The resistance of Sánchez Vicario was a matter of straightforward sporting courage. There was a deeper side to Graf's survival. Her mind is fraught with anxieties about her father's imprisonment for alleged tax evasion.

Not to have wilted under the intimidation of Sánchez Vicario's relentlessly accurate mortars required a rare kind of spirit in the circumstances.

To gain breathing time, having just run a hundred metres or so back and forth along the baseline to shovel up those metronomic retrieving

persistence. She will try, on every point, no matter how seemingly impossible her position, to the last gasp. You sense that she will not willingly concede the point while she has breath. Which is where the reservation arises.

To gain breathing time, having just run a hundred metres or so back and forth along the baseline to shovel up those metronomic retrieving

shots, she will then go for a recovery stroll, whether serving or receiving.

When serving, she will walk

all the way to the ball boy to collect balls — usually three, before rejecting one — rather than have them tossed to the serving position on the baseline. When receiving, she repeatedly walks in a slow, wide semi-circle almost back to the stop netting, obliging the frustrated server to wait. She is now ready for another point of 20 or 30 strokes. Almost the strongest quality you need to play her is not patience but tolerance.

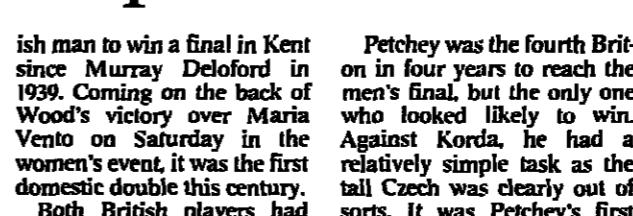
All was serenely easy for Graf at the start: she took the first set within 37 minutes with two breaks and barely a quiver of uncertainty. She was not serving consistently, but had the initiative, and was prepared to stay back, not to be drawn forward prematurely and become a victim of Sánchez Vicario's punishing passing shots.

Although Graf dropped her service twice in the second set, each time she recovered immediately and was poised for victory when leading 4-1 in the tie-break, two first serves of more than 100mph at last finding their mark. Momentarily, her confidence evaporated and she failed to take another point, double-faulting to give Sánchez Vicario a 7-4 game.

The final set may be regarded as one of the best either of them will ever play. Sánchez Vicario broke to lead 3-2, then served for the match unavailingly at 5-4, then a second time at 7-6. It was unbearably tense, though, by now, the crowd was showing undisguised support for Graf.

Once Sánchez Vicario held her service to save the match, but, at 9-8, Graf, having reigned dute with yet another carefully chipped backhand to the baseline, seized her chance on her first match point with a big forehand deep to her opponent's backhand. Maybe the loser should ponder on why the crowd was so happy.

FROM DAVID MILLER
Graf: fifth French title



Petchey completes rare British double

BY ALIX RAMSAY

THE celebrations will have to wait for Mark Petchey and Clare Wood, because the hard work starts now, but when their grass-court seasons finally come to an end, the two Britons will deserve their champagne.

Yesterday, Petchey, ranked No 5 among Britain's men, started his run-up to Wimbledon by winning the Beckenham Open, beating Petr Korda 6-2, 6-4 in just over an hour, becoming the first British man to win a final in Kent since Murray Deloford in 1939. Coming on the back of Wood's victory over María Vento on Saturday in the women's event, it was the first domestic double this century.

Both British players had

come to Beckenham to get

match-practice before the

season begins in earnest today.

Neither expected to win.

Wood having packed only an

overnight bag on Tuesday

morning. She spent the week

calling for clean clothes from

home.

It was a final and I wanted

to win it," he said. "Of course

it's different when there are

lots of points at stake and it is the next few tournaments that are the key ones. The trick is to play like you practice. I hope I can just stay relaxed."

Wood was in a similarly positive vein after disposing of Vento, 6-3, 6-2. "I think I was the more focused," she said. "I couldn't have got the sunnier off to a better start."

The omens are good for Wood; the last British woman to win the title was Ann Jones in 1967 and she went on to reach the Wimbledon final that year.

FROM DAVID MILLER
Petchey: welcome victor



FROM DAVID MILLER
Wood: welcome victor



Work and play in harmony

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

IT HAS BEEN suggested that school-age amateur sportsmen and women in Great Britain are often at a disadvantage compared with their counterparts in other countries, where more efforts are made to bring education and training facilities together and where sports scholarships, for instance, enable promising performers to have access to the best of both worlds. Too often, the need to travel hundreds of miles to training facilities in Britain severely tests the goodwill and devotion of parents and exhausts the child, whose education may suffer.

Wrexham College, an independent day and boarding school in Wellington, near Telford, in Shropshire, offers girl gymnasts an alternative that has attracted national squad members and hopefuls.

While studying at the school,

the girls work with Christine Still, a master coach for the British Amateur Gymnastic Association (based at the nearby National Sports Centre at Lilleshall), who is employed for about 14 hours per week at the school as one of a number of sports specialists.

The scheme started in

1984. Arthur Savage, a senior master, recalled, "when three national squad girls, including Stephanie Micklam, joined as boarders. Christine [whose husband, Colin, was national coach at the time] was

Stephanie's personal coach at

Lilleshall and she wanted to

be at school nearby."

Still coaches girls in the rest

of the school as well as

national squad members and

also runs a club. Park-Wrekin

College, which joined with the

school to build a palatial

sports hall on the campus.

Tanase [Rivers, aged 13]

was a member of the club who

did well and wanted to do

more, so she now boards at the

school," Still said. "Helen [Fenton, aged 15, a Great

Britain squad member] has moved from Lancashire. Nia Stewart, a member of the Wales Commonwealth Games

squad, is a day student, but

would like to board. A couple

of years ago, we had most of

the British team here, so

people heard about it and

wanted to come.

"It's an independent school,

so, in the main, they pay their

way, although there are some

benefactors so that they can

pay for all of them."

It works. Rebecca Lewis

represented Britain, was

fourth in the British champi-

onships and got ten GCSEs in

the same year.

Although one might expect

jealousy, the presence of high-

powered performers has had a

beneficial effect in the rest of

the school. "The discipline

these girls exhibit gives other

students a tremendous mod-

el," Phil Berry, the house-

master of three of the girls,

said. "A very good hockey

player roomed with one of the

gymnasts and was telling me

how impressed she was with

that discipline and what was

required to be top in a sport —

and her hockey progressed

accordingly."

The benefits are two-way.

"They get a chance for a social

life and company of their own

age — not just other gymna-

stics," Berry said.

Harry Gray, the house-

master of the junior house,

pointed out that there were

other lessons to be learned.

"Other pupils see them train-

ing, but also see the injuries

GOLF

Allenby holds off late challenge by Montgomerie

By MEL WEBB

THIS was the golfing catchweight contest to end them all and the good little 'un beat the good big 'un. It was Robert Allenby, wafer-thin Australian, against the field, but most particularly against Colin Montgomerie, considerably slimmer but still substantial Scot, and the thin man prevailed.

Allenby won the Alamo English Open at the Forest of Arden yesterday after a closing 69 put him on 278, ten under par, a shot ahead of Montgomerie and Ross McFarlane. He won the tournament with birdies on the 15th, 16th and 17th holes on this

final day; Montgomerie lost it in the dim and distant past of Thursday. Montgomerie was five over par for the first 16 holes on the first day and although he chipped in for an eagle three on the 17th, he still recorded a three-over-par 75 to leave himself in unfamiliar territory, sharing 91st place.

Having set the course up like the one he and the 19 other PGA European Tour members will face this week in the US Open at Oakland Hills, Montgomerie was left to swallow a bitter pill that he had himself prescribed when he had five bad lies in the thick collars of rough round the

greens in that first round.

What would it need, he was asked, to win from his position? Three 68s, he said, would put him pretty close; three days later, three 68s had done just that. He did not win, but he was assuredly the champion soothsayer of the week — rarely can a sooth have been more accurately said. Indeed, he came within a whisker of putting himself into a play-off and only a bogey four on the 72nd hole, the beautiful but testing par-three that ends the round on the Arden course, denied him.

Again, he was doubly to blame, both in his course set-up philosophy and in the shot he played to get himself out of bother. Again, a clump of turf got in the way of his down-swing when he found himself in the thick stuff. Again, he was hardly able to move the ball, this time duffing it no more than eight feet. Again, he failed to get up and down — two puts from 35 feet left him temporarily mortified, but, he claimed, satisfied overall with his performance.

"It's no use complaining," he said. "I was left with a lot to do after the first round and, in the end, it was just too much. I'm still going to Oakland Hills in good form — to go from five over par after 16 holes to ten under after 71 was a good achievement. I must ensure I don't have to play catch-up there. I'm not against the PGA European Tour there, I'm against the world."

Montgomerie's share of second place left him £56,450 richer, which was enough to put him back on familiar ground at the top of the European money-list. "It's nice to be on top again, I suppose, but just at the moment it's no consolation," he said, ruefully.

Meanwhile, Allenby, 24, was grateful for the £108,530 cheque he tucked into his hip pocket and for the fact that he had moved into seventh place on the order of merit. "To win the English Open is very special and to beat Monty is a great feeling — he's an awesome player," he said, with the enthusiasm of youth. Those three birdies from the 15th, all of them achieved with the assurance of a veteran, were pretty awesome, too.

The turning point came on the 15th, after lunch, when Beames lost a ball in the gorse bushes and went one down. Though he squared the match when Bladon's approach to the 16th spun back into Wilson's Burn, Beames was to be denied by the one club that his opponent had wielded brilliantly all week, Bladon sinking a 15-foot putt for a birdie. It gave him the hole and title and a victory that had not been dreamed of five days before.

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Bladon surpasses wildest dreams

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

AN UNUSUAL Amateur Championship ended in glorious sunshine just after tea-time on Saturday. It was unusual not because of the venue, which looked magnificent, but because things did not quite turn out as it had been thought they would. The most international Amateur for years, in which 25 of the 64 qualifiers came from 11 countries, concluded with Warren Bladon, from Birmingham, beating Roger Beames, of Wick. That was a surprise, too.

How good is Bladon, a cheerful, quietly-spoken, burly man who embodies many old-fashioned amateur principles? Was he a good county player having the week of his life or had it been decided by those who can determine such things that, at the age of 30, it was time for him to be allowed to take a significant step forward and leave Turnberry a much better golfer than he had arrived?

Bladon was behind for only five of the final's 36 holes, yet one had the feeling that Beames's accuracy and superior technique, which had allowed him to beat two of the best players in the field, in Jody Fazan and Ivo Giner, would enable him to pull away and become the third Scottish winner in the past five Amateurs. While Beames kept hitting the ball straight from the tee, Bladon missed four fairways in a row and

both greens in one spell of six holes in the morning.

However, Bladon displayed a short game that, at times, verged on the magical, continually saving his wayward driving by good chipping and putting. He managed one quite extraordinary shot, hitting out of a gorse bush halfway up the bank topped by the monument on the 12th so that his ball inscribed a parabola back over his head.

On the 12th, before lunch, there came an opportunity to compare their two styles as both drivers finished almost side by side in light rough on the right of the fairway. From there, Bladon's weakness exposed itself — from the top of his backswing, he dropped his right shoulder and blocked his ball out to the right. Beames, by contrast, started his ball out to the left of the green and allowed the spin he had put on it to bring it back.

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Faldo fails to make impression

NICK FALDO began his final preparation for the US Open, which starts on Thursday, with a disappointing display in the closing round of the Buick Classic golf tournament in Westchester, New York, yesterday.

His wish for a hard, fast-running course, similar to the conditions expected at Oakland Hills, was answered when he was given an early warning of the difficulties he

will encounter in Detroit. "This has been ideal preparation," he said. "The only thing missing is that I haven't been in the heat of the battle."

Faldo has spent the week trying to repair the damage done to his swing in the high winds during the recent Benson and Hedges international at the Oxfordshire club. He held a two-shot lead with eight holes to play in this tournament a year ago, but is not too

worried about the difficulties he

concerned at being swept out of contention by a rampant Ernie Els, of South Africa, who, with a tournament-record 13-under-par total of 200, left the Masters champion with a 15-stroke deficit.

Faldo said: "It would have been nice to have had another run at this title, chiefly for the sake of my competitive edge, but I think everything will be okay in time for the US Open."

That is an opinion shared by

RUGBY LEAGUE: ENCOURAGING RESPONSE TO ARMS PARK TRIAL

South Wales set for Super League

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

SOUTH Wales has a nervous wait until the Rugby League Council meets in four weeks to consider its application for membership of the Stones Super League from next season. In a prelude to that decision, the Super League dipped a toe in the River Taff on Saturday night. The response to Sheffield's enterprise in taking their home fixture to Cardiff Arms Park was a reasonably encouraging one: about two-thirds of the 6,078 crowd was local.

Wales's European championship match against England at the same venue on June 26 will give the application another timely boost. Indeed, the future of the national team has been bound up by Clive Griffiths, the Wales coach, with the "fast track" promotion from the second division of his South Wales outfit to the elite competition.

Cardiff rugby union club, which envisages a year-round operation of both codes and players possibly swapping between the two, put on its best bib and tucker. The days when a league club director got caught at a Welsh club on a scouting mission and was

thrown into the sea are firmly in the past.

Rodney Walker, the Rugby Football League chairman, confined his thoughts afterwards to an amendment that Sheffield would probably not have matched at the Don Valley Stadium, but, after a canvas of clubs, all the signs are that South Wales can expect a positive response on July 3.

Sheffield's boldness in moving their fixture 200 miles went unrewarded on the pitch. As newcomers themselves 12 years ago, Gary Hetherington, the Sheffield coach and chief executive, knows what can be achieved. "Not only have South Wales got all the

potential for rugby league development here is a natural progression for the game," he said.

St Helens have reached the halfway point of the season out in front and still unbeaten. Like Wigan, they are ripe with attacking potential: unlike Wigan, they do drop off for long periods. Steve Prescott, called into England's side yesterday at full back, in place of the injured Kris Radlinski of Wigan, for the France match at Gateshead on Wednesday, landed seven goals in deputising for Bobbie Goulding. Nor did St Helens want for orchestration at scrum half through John McAtee.

Similarly, a couple of Wales internationals scored tries — Sullivan got two and Cunningham another — but by far the most impressive contribution was that in the centre of the rejuvenated Alan Hather, who rose to his task superbly with two touchdowns.

SHEFFIELD EAGLES: W. Sosabauski, B. Soysa, G. Hetherington, K. Radlinski, C. Cunningham, D. McAtee, P. Prescott, J. Lewis, D. McAlister, I. Hughes, A. Hay, A. Farrell, Substitutes: R. Price, D. Turner, P. Dixon, M. Cook.

ST HELENS: S. Prescott, D. Arnold, A. Hather, P. Newell, J. Smith, C. Cunningham, J. McAllister, A. Peeler, I. Cunningham, A. Fogerty, S. Booth, I. Pickavance, C. Joint, Substitutes: A. Haigh, V. Matauta, C. Morley, Referee: D. Campbell (Midlands)

control. Graham Holroyd converted Iro's try and finished the game with a 100 per cent record from eight kicks.

Holroyd put Leeds ahead after 25 minutes when he raced into a gap created by Kemp to touch down. Kemp, given acres of space by a hesitant Workington defence, went over for his second try four minutes from half-time and Holroyd's conversion from Wayne Kitchin.

A conversion and penalty from Kitchin extended their lead, but after Kevin Iro had set up Tony Kemp with the first of his two tries in the fifteenth minute, Leeds always looked likely to take

but Workington were offered hope when Lee Chilton went over in the corner.

Tries by Adrian Morley and Gary Mercer, both made by Kemp, increased Leeds's lead, but Workington playing with great heart scored a third try after 61 minutes through Lafeite Filipo. Leeds scored two more tries, through Holroyd and Dean Clark, and, between those, Brad Nairn, the Workington loose forward, was sent off for dissent.

Within five minutes of the restart, Leeds had increased their lead through Golden,

Photograph, page 39



Along with Cram and Steve Ovett, Coe proudly flew the flag for Great Britain in the early Eighties

Coe continues to lap up plaudits for masterly run over 800 metres

David Powell considers why, 15 years

On, a Briton's best remains unchallenged

From Madrid to Seville, to Rome, to Moscow, to Nuremberg last week, the clock hardly changed. On the professional athletics circuit the 800 metres came home in around 1min 44sec.

There were splendid races — Roberto Parra's European Cup victory for Spain and Giuseppe D'Urso's in Rome were delivered from behind in the closing strides — but the surface of 1min 43sec has barely been scratched.

D'Urso's 1min 43.95sec is the fastest of 1996. Only Wilson Kipketer, a Kenyan-born Dane, has broken 1min 43sec since 1992. After all these years, Sebastian Coe's world record still seems up in the stratosphere.

Today is the fifteenth anniversary of that night in Florence, when Coe recorded 1min 41.73sec. Had Mike Marsh not eased up in his 1992 Olympic semi-final, missing Pietro Mennea's 200 metres world record by 0.01sec, Coe's would be the oldest world record in a championship event. Unlike Mennea's altitude-assisted 19.72sec, set in 1979, nobody has come close to Coe's mark for more than a decade.

Joaquin Cruz, of Brazil, ran 1min 41.75sec in 1984, but, otherwise, no athlete has managed within half a second of Coe's record.

I do not think that, at that time, we thought it would last this long, because records did not seem to last five minutes," Steve Cram, who set three world records in 1985, said. "I really do not see anyone right now capable of beating Coe's record."

That is an opinion shared by

Nico Motcheboen, of Germany, who erased Coe's 12-year-old European indoor 800 metres record last year. "Coe's record [outdoors] might last another ten years," Motcheboen, the winner in Nuremberg, said last week.

Kipketer has recorded 1min 42.87sec twice, but he has shown a reluctance to stay with pacemakers. In winning in Moscow on Friday, he recorded 1min 44.06sec.

Kipketer said last year that Coe's record was out of his range. "That attitude may be part of the answer because you have to believe you can do it," Coe said. *The Times* then.

"It has got to be possible to do two 50-second laps back to back, but people do not go for it nowadays, they are hesitant," Craig Winrow, Great Britain's present No 1, a 1min 43sec runner, said. "They do not commit themselves to the third 200."

In 1984, Cruz missed the

record in the third quarter.

Coe says that it can fall only to somebody capable of running 45sec for 400 metres, which would rule out Morelli, who appears to lack the speed-endurance.

Coe reached 400 metres in

49.7sec, maintaining speed on the third 200 metres to reach 600 in 1min 1sec — 1min 40sec pace — slowing only in the last 30 metres. In *Training Distance Runners*, a book by Peter Coe, the athlete's father and coach, and David Martin, a physiologist, it is said that the 800 metres is the most unforgiving of all track events.

"It requires a combination of strength, raw speed, anaerobic endurance and split-second judgment to decide when tactics can be invoked to achieve a victory," the book says.

"Running all-out for a large part of the distance, trying to remain aloft in a sea of hydrogen ions, is difficult enough without the added

requirements of staying alert and thinking clearly."

It is suggested that the

percentage ratio of aerobic to anaerobic energy for the first 400 metres is 65-35, or 60-40,

and is reversed on the second lap to 35-65 or 40-60.

"For each of these quite

different metabolic loads,

specialised intensive training

must be included," the book says.

"Your training for 800 metres racing must permit the

development of both strength

and endurance in your skeletal muscles, especially your legs. Only a truly total-body

conditioning programme

[running plus weight-room

and circuit training] will provide adequate preparation."

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"Michael Johnson is

the wrong kind of 400 metres runner," Cram said. "Buck Reynolds is not blessed with the same sort of pace — it may be that he is more suited to two laps."

While acknowledging the

excellence of Coe's record,

Cram points to fortune in that the 800 metres has not thrown up a Morelli. Cram's mile

world record lasted eight years from 1985. "You could look at my record and say that, if Morelli had not come along, it would still stand," Cram said.

Thankfully, though, Kipketer has yet to display

Morelli's fixation for records

and Britain's middle-distance

citadel of the 1980s is not in

ruins entirely.

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RACING: HAGGAS-TRAINED COLT OVERCOMES INEXPERIENCE TO WIN DERBY

By JULIAN MUSCAT

THE 1996 Vodafone Derby signposted the changing times that have now permeated this historic horse race. Like a mirror image of society, new philosophies have been spawned and must be integrated into the occasion. Saturday's renewal suggested that horsemen, too, require a fresh perspective on how best to tackle Epsom's unique test.

As the William Haggas-trained Shaamit conjured a scintillating turn of speed, he became the third consecutive winner to come from well off the pace. It wasn't quite the spectacular late charge summoned by Lammtarra and Erhaab before him. But Shaamit, a remarkably nim-



Shaamit, ridden by Hills, storms clear in the Vodafone Derby at Epsom on Saturday. Photograph: Hugh Roudedge

BIG-RACE RESULTS

2.25 VODAFONE DERBY STAKES (Group 1; 3-Y-Os; £52,100; 1m 4f) DASHAMIT b c Mito - Shamoose (K) Dasmal 9-0 M Hills (12) 1. Dushyantor b c Sadler's Wells - Slightly Dangeroos (K) Abdulla 9-0 Pat Eddery (P-2) 2. Shaamit b c Alleged - Shaam (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-0 L Dettori (26) 3. ALSO RAN: 11-2 Even Top (13h), 6 Glory Of Dancer (4th), 15-2 Alhauran (5th), Storm Trooper (15th), 14 Mystic Knight (6th), Star Of The Court (8th), 16 Double Leaf (10th), 20 St. Marks (17th), 25 Busy Flight (18th), Jack Jennings (7th), 100 Prince Of My Heart (18th), 160 Zafren (16th), 200 Achane (8th), 201 Star Of The Court (10th), 200 Heartbreak (14th), Tasdid (12th), 500 Portuguese Li (20th) 20 ran. NFT Clever Clicks, 14L, 14L, 1L, hd, 14L W Haggas at Newmarket Total £18,650. Total £36,550. Off: £36,550. Turn: £31,950. C/SF: £7,700.

ble colt for one of his scope and substance, raced outside the first ten as the field completed its perilous descent from Tattenham Corner.

That point is only 3% fur-long from the finish but it is enshrined in Derby legend. It is where Lester Piggott, sitting just behind the leader, would brace his mount for victory. And it has influenced riding trends to a remarkable degree. As Lanfranco Dettori, who rode Shantou into third, later observed of the inevitable early scrummaging: "Lester messed it up for us. He used to sit fifth, one place off the rail, every time. Trainers now expect all of us to do the same."

Thus unfolded a tale of two horses: Shaamit and Dushyantor, whose fortunes fluctuated widely. So competitive is the quest for this prime pos-

ition that the Derby's early exchanges now resemble opening day at the Harrods' sale. Glory Of Dancer's speed won him the favoured inside berth. Yet he paid a heavy price, his lungs bursting deep into the closing stretch.

One must question whether any horse can sustain such a gallop over 12 furlongs. Certainly the victories of Erhaab and Lammtarra owed much to the leaders faltering on reaching the straight, and Shaamit himself squeezed out in the early rush, almost certainly benefited from being held up.

Pat Eddery and Dushyantor were not so fortunate. Like Shaamit, Dushyantor was squeezed out early, unlike Michael Hills, Eddery was unwilling to play with the cards fate dealt him. So started the tribulations of the 9-2 favourite, who never then

raced on an even keel. On the undulations of Epsom, such tactics cost disaster. It was not long in coming.

Eddery was momentarily checked at halfway, when Philip Robinson, sensing an opportunity to claim the inside rail aboard Even Top, cut across Dushyantor's path. As Eddery tried to adjust the weakening Even Top hampered Even Top and initiated the sort of buffeting experienced by those at the dodgem car ride in the Epsom infield. Dushyantor and Shantou got the worst of it. Shaamit, too, suffered a hefty bump.

There was to be a final denouement in the straight, when Eddery sought the daylight he had so long been denied. In launching his rapier-like thrust, Shaamit slightly brushed Prince Of My Heart, who, in edging left, passed him. It may sound a touch romantic, but the Derby has been short of romance in recent years. If this was a foretaste of the future, the great race is in safe hands.

lot of bumping and boring," he said, "but Shaamit was travelling so well I was able to keep my position. He glided around Tattingham Corner."

Shaamit undoubtedly possesses an immense talent. This was only his third start and, as with Lammtarra 12 months ago, his first of the season. It will be a surprise if he fails to endorse his superiority over the classic generation.

Shaamit is probably the product of a mating between horses owned by close friends, Khalifa Dasmal, who bred Shaamit from his mare, Shamoose, is well acquainted with Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum, who races Moto Shamoose's sire. It may sound a touch romantic, but the Derby has been short of romance in recent years. If this was a foretaste of the future, the great race is in safe hands.

Indeed, as Christopher Spence, Mr Hillyard and Sue Ellen gathered yesterday in the Queen's Stand to chew over the events of the previous day the Epsom triumvirate, which is ultimately responsible for making the Derby tick, had good cause to celebrate.

Despite the Euro '96 frenzy, the crowd was up by 3.6 per cent, and the Downs was busy, if not buzzing. Unlike 12 months earlier, there was an atmosphere about the place.

However, as the trio starts to consult widely before deciding after Royal Ascot if the Saturday experiment should continue, they are aware there is another side to the story, which makes their decision so difficult.

A survey conducted yesterday among trainers who had a Derby runner showed a vast majority favouring a return to Wednesday and it was Haggas who summed up their case. "The country

should stop for the Derby, just like for Australia's Melbourne Cup, which is run on a Tuesday and everything closes down for the race. I'm not saying this because I won

The view that by staging the Derby on Saturday it loses its identity and just becomes another sporting event is underlined by national newspaper coverage. Rather than forcing its way onto front and back pages, the Derby was largely confined to the racing pages. On Saturday morning, the world's most famous classic was the fourth item on a radio sports bulletin, behind football, cricket and rugby.

The Queen Mother, as well as the Queen, would like

to see the Derby on Channel 4, whose coverage on Saturday fell well below its normal high standards, sees its present contract end this year.

If the BBC won the right to broadcast the Derby and did a Grand National-style Grandstand from Epsom on a Saturday it could help to elevate the race to its rightful place in the nation's sporting calendar. Television increasingly sets the sports agenda and a mainstream channel like the BBC could help to "make" the Derby, unlike a minority channel such as Channel 4.

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 Jarah.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

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RACING

Words of wisdom from Piggott speak volumes

ANDREW LONGMORE



at the Derby

THE idea was a good one, intelligently conceived and thoughtfully executed. But if anyone really believed Lester Piggott's influence on the Derby would end at his eponymous gates, opened last Tuesday, the presumption was rudely exposed by the surging stride of the unsung Shaamit four days later. It is as if Lester sits down each spring, pen and paper to hand, and says to himself: "Now, what script shall we write this year?"

Piggott played down his part in producing Shaamit to win the Derby on his first run of the season, a training feat which would have been hailed as a confirmation of genius had it been performed by more notable names like Stoute or Cecil rather than William Haggas, whose fame has hitherto been traced through his marriage to Lester's daughter, Maureen, and his prowess on the cricket field. He once had a trial for Yorkshire second XI. Nonetheless, when the childish dreams of spring need to be turned into fully grown ambitions of summer, Lester's voice is a powerful instrument of persuasion.

"There's only one Derby," Piggott said. "He believes it's the greatest race in the world and when you think of his experience in it, that has to give you confidence. He's a good man to have on your side."

Lester lives for the Derby," Haggas said. "He believes it's the greatest race in the world and when you think of his experience in it, that has to give you confidence. He's a good man to have on your side."

Though 33 and not short of



Piggott influence

Lester. Then to sit and listen to him was a great thrill. He told me that the start was very important, about how I should stay on the inside, how it was vital to keep an inexperienced horse like Shaamit balanced and relaxed. Then he just told me to wait for an opportunity and to be confident.

"These were things I knew for myself, things I'd heard from other sources, but to hear them from him, to have listened to and seen all the experiences he had, I got confidence talking to him," Hills said. The words stayed with Hills through the 2½ minutes of the race and were expressed most noticeably in the confidence with which he pulled Shaamit away from the trouble and eased him to the outside for what proved to be the winning surge.

"There was a lot of bumping and boring at the top of the hill and I was behind Willie Carson, who was getting hopelessly pushed about," Hills said. "I thought I'm not going to try and get through there, let's get out of here." With two furlongs to go as Shaamit hit the front, Lester's voice was replaced by another, more strident, tone. "I knew Mr Haggas would be having heart failure at going so early. Those last 100 yards were the longest of my life." As he drove off to Newmarket for three more rides at the evening meeting, Hills could reflect with pride that not even Lester could have bettered his ride.

It was, in its way, a fairytale ending and the smiling faces of the connections restored some of the wonder to a day which has become too much business and not enough pleasure. For once, the thrill of victory was genuine, the result of fulfilled dreams not overflowing bank accounts. The only downcast faces belonged to the punters, who, for the second year running, felt cheated by the victory of a horse without form or character. The Derby is not a race in decline, but a race in transition, a race in need of new heroes. Lester's gates will be long-lasting, but not even he can keep finding new storylines.

The tension really started to build as we were led into the starting stalls, but that all went smoothly and before I knew it, the gates had sprung open to a huge roar from the crowd.

The jockeys had warned me that the first two furlongs would be lightning fast, and they were right. The pace was furious from the word go. We had a perfect draw in

Breaking through the classic barriers

Alex Greaves was thrilled by her historic ride in the Derby. After tasting Epsom's unique flavour, she is keen to try again

Now I've done it once. I'm itching to try again. I may have finished last of the 20 runners on Portuguese Lil in the Derby, but it was an experience that I will never forget. I hope I've broken down some barriers and other girls will get a chance to ride in the Derby in the future. There is no reason why they should not.

The day started quite normally. I woke up at about half past six, went out to check up on the horse an hour later, and then sat down with the newspapers. Breakfast, as usual, just consisted of a cup of coffee — I get a stitch if I have any more than that before riding. We arrived at the track at one o'clock, and while I went straight to the ladies' changing rooms, my husband, David, went off to look after Portuguese Lil's owner, David Windle.

I was not alone in the changing room as Aimée Cook, an apprentice, had secured a ride on Lord Huntingdon's Country Lover in a later handicap. Then I didn't feel so isolated. It was quite good to be separate, because the other jockeys were getting all the attention and it gave me time to sit there and gather my thoughts.

It seems strange, but in spite of the television and radio interviews constantly reminding me of the fact that I was making history as the first woman to ride in the 216 years of the Derby, I didn't get nervous until I walked into the paddock. In company with some of the world's biggest owners and trainers, and all the top jockeys, it suddenly hit me.

But as soon as I got on the horse, I relaxed again. I was back doing my job. Going down to the start was an amazing experience. I'm not used to seeing such large crowds lining both sides of the course, and for them all to start clapping and cheering when we careered past was just fantastic.

It was a bit calmer milling around at the start. Last-minute checks on all the riding equipment, making sure the girth-strap was tight enough to stop the saddle slipping. Down at the start there was a bit of banter with the other jockeys, but it was all pretty good humoured, with most of them wishing me well.

The tension really started to build as we were led into the starting stalls, but that all went smoothly and before I knew it, the gates had sprung open to a huge roar from the crowd.

The jockeys had warned me that the first two furlongs would be lightning fast, and they were right. The pace was furious from the word go. We had a perfect draw in



Greaves receives encouragement from two well-wishers before her Derby ride on Saturday

middle of the field, and sat at the back of the main group through the early stages, with a couple behind us. There was a bit of hurly-burly, but no more than you would expect in a field of that size.

The fully handed Tattenham Coroner well — no problem at all. At that point we were still well in touch with the main group, but from then the strain began to tell on Portuguese Lil.

Although she ran her heart out she

was just not good enough to keep tabs on them. There were certainly no hard-luck stories.

I wasn't disappointed at finishing last. On the form book we should have been a furlong behind, yet we only finished three lengths off Prince Of My Heart. She wasn't detached by any stretch of the imagination.

There was some concern that we would be in the way and cause trouble, but nobody could claim that

to be the case now. We've come here and had a lot of fun. It was a great day and the owner enjoyed it. That's the main thing.

There is not a horse in our yard likely to run in next year's race at the moment. Hopefully another will come along, but for the time being it's back to riding at the northern courses for me.

□ Interview: Robert Wright

Plymouth rider gains upper hand

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

AN AWAY bookmaker made a profit on Shaamit and the Derby details went round like a Chinese whisper, but otherwise Epsom was of little consequence to those gathered at the Torrington Farmers meeting at Umbrelleigh in Devon, which traditionally staged the final fixture of the season on Saturday.

Local honour was at stake, particularly in the annual battle between Mandy Hand and Linda Blackford to be the area's woman champion.

Hand, from Plymouth, took the honour for the eighth time after a victory on Dharamshala in the first division of the maiden.

Neil Harris, 28, is Devon & Cornwall's men's champion for the first time after ten years of riding. He partnered 14 winners but will have to make a case to the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee today if his promoted victory on Chilpaur at Bratton Down is to be retained.

The owner of Vital Song has

appealed against his horse's disqualification from first place after crossing Chilpaur on the run-in and an entourage of witnesses travels from Devon for the hearing. The sport remains competitive to the end.

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Damian Whitworth finds England's former polo player may have the answer to a cricketing question



Ferguson teaches Whitworth the finer points of batting at his school in Dummer, Hampshire

'Galloping' major bowls over cricket

A moment of over-enthusiastic flailing of my bowling arm and I unleashed a ball that nearly broke the wrist of the father of the girl who was (until very recently) married to the Duke of York. Major Ronald Ferguson let out a yelp, those famous eyebrows shot skywards like a pair of hairy balls and an appearance in the gossip columns flashed before me.

But the "galloping" major, as the tabloids dubbed him, is made of sturdy stuff. The former England polo player is now, at 64, quietly building a new life in cricket since being released from his duties as the Prince of Wales's polo manager. And tucked away in the depths of the Hampshire countryside, he may just be finding an answer to the questions being asked of our national game.

As everybody in the sport agrees something must be done urgently to encourage more youngsters to take up bat and ball. Ferguson has turned the cowshed on his farm in the drowsy village of Dummer into a cricket school. Where once 150 cows used to winter, men, women and children now thunder down eight lanes of nets and thrash boisterously about an indoor arena in hectic six-a-side contests. The competition for the nets during the pre-season was fierce but the real success story is the six-a-side.

There are three adult leagues, one sponsored by a brewery, boasting more than 50 teams. However, the real boost is the way that six-a-side engenders an enthusiasm among children.

These are furious contests played padded up with a hard ball on the carpeted floor. Masses of runs are racked up as the ball ricochets off the walls, sending fielders scurrying after it. Some of the very young players seem to find fielding close to the bat in an arena intimidating,

but the older ones love it. One must just guard against over-excited players injuring their coaches.

Relieved that I had avoided seriously maiming mine I retired to the nets for some tuition. Ferguson is a gruff but benign dictator who is in the nets with his bowling machine most mornings and a stalwart of the village side. "I'll stop playing when I'm no longer top of the averages," he says. He reels off the statistics from the first year of his venture as only an obsessive can. "More than 900 net hours, 430 matches, 12 thousand overs, 90,000 balls." After an hour of sensible advice my bowling technique was considerably less dangerous.

While Hampshire coaches come to work with the kids, this set-up is independent of the county. With less and less cricket being played in schools such private enterprises must be a real hope for the future.

Geoffrey Boycott is impressed by news of a centre geared purely to cricket, a luxury that few cricket clubs, sharing facilities in multi-purpose sports halls can enjoy. "That's exactly what we've got in Yorkshire," says Boycott. "Eight lanes and you can bring the nets back for six-a-side, which is great for youngsters. I always believe you should get them all involved equally, playing as part of a team and not worry too much about technique. Indoor cricket is crucial because of our winter and because while John Major says children should play more sport in schools it seems to be all talk at the moment."

Ferguson decided to build his school when he realised that the local colts had nowhere to practise the basics of the game during the winter. With the first year under his belt he has the same dreams as all those who nurture young talent — to produce a superstar one day.

"Obviously with the state that English cricket is in, if you could



Whitworth faces Ferguson in the specially converted cowshed

get a boy to play for Hampshire Under-16s and then end up playing for Hampshire it would be simply wonderful. If he then went on to play international cricket it would be sensational."

Relaxing over a pint in the bar, the major begins to wax lyrical. He is talking about his school as it relates to his life, but could just as easily be referring to its small but non-insignificant place in English cricket. "It's nice for something to be going right for a change."

WHERE TO GO

- The Dummer Cricket School can be reached at Dummer Down Farm, Dummer, Basingstoke, Hampshire 01256 397814.
- The National Cricket Association runs a national six-a-side tournament with the final held at Lord's 0171 289 6098.
- For details of programmes run by the counties contact individual county headquarters.

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Win tickets to see England v Holland

Plus stay overnight at the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington

TODAY The Times gives you the chance to win one of ten pairs of tickets to the England v Holland match at Wembley on June 18, compliments of Fujifilm, official Euro 96 sponsors. Plus all our winners and their partners will stay overnight at the official Euro 96 headquarters, the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington.

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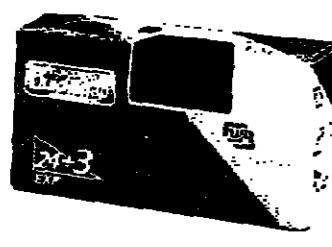
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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE (MFL) Saturday, Ashton 24, Barrow 21. Yesterday, Ashton 24, Rhen 14.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

MELBOURNE: Australian League (APL) 1-16, 14, 14 (20) bt Brisbane 15 (18). **CEDAR** 15, 11 (10) bt Richmond 15 (18). **North Melbourne** 10, 12 (10) bt Footscray 10, 10 (9). **Hawthorn** 17, 18 (11) bt Fremantle 11, 11 (10). **Essendon** 16 (7) bt St Kilda 6 (7). **Carlton** 12, 13 (11) bt Carlton 11 (10). **Collingwood** 12, 13 (11) bt Essendon 11 (10). **St Kilda** 6 (7) bt Carlton 11 (10). **Footscray** 11 (10) bt Hawthorn 10 (11). **Essendon** 16 (7) bt Carlton 11 (10). **Carlton** 12, 13 (11) bt Collingwood 11 (10). **Essendon** 16 (7) bt Carlton 11 (10).

BALLROOM DANCING

ONE-NIGHT: Star of the Future competition. Amateur Latin: 1. Selection First Heat: M and N Cullen (Southend-on-Sea); 2. M Lunn and J Balzer (Manchester); 3. Wale and L Gandy (London). **D WATSON**: Latin: 1. D Watson (London), 6, D Bennett and R Coster (Sheffield). **OPEN MIXED**: 1. A Over and H Clark; 2. A Pritchard and S Addcox; 3. A Addcox and N C Butler; 4. M Walker (Birmingham); 5. C Butler and V Harrison; 6. S Amick-V Lammes. **Juvenile Open Latin**: 1. A Over and H Clark; 2. A Farman and E Lyndon; 3. K Wilson; 4. S Wells and I Bonham. **S AMICK-V LAMMES**: Latin: 1. A Over and H Clark; 2. A Farman and E Lyndon; 3. K Wilson; 4. S Wells and I Bonham. **OPEN**: 1. M Ryfroft and L Stoves; 5. M Dakin and A Barnes; 6. S Addcox and G Jamison. **JUNIOR OPEN**: 1. G Jamison and K Adams; 2. A Davies; 3. M Dakin and A Barnes; 4. S Addcox and S Johnson; 6. S Gomes and C Donaldson.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Peoria (Montreal 9 Chicago 3, Florida 2) won. Houston 11 Philadelphia 5; Colorado 10 (12) 8. Cincinnati 2, Los Angeles 1; Pittsburgh 10. San Diego 0; St Louis 9; San Francisco 4. Seattle 12; Atlanta 13; San Francisco 4; St Louis 1; New York 7; Florida 6; Chicago 6; Montreal 1; Los Angeles 5; Cincinnati 4 (10). **INNS**: Pittsburgh 3 San Diego 14 (14).

BOXING

NEWCASTLE AREA: World Boxing Organisation featherweight championship (13m) 1st round: Naseem Hamed (Sheffield, not shown) bt Paul Williams (London) 2-0. **World Boxing Association super-middleweight championship** (12mns) Frankie Luis (US) holder vs Tim Lopes (USA) 1st rd. Heavyweight championship (10mns) Mike (Mike) McGoldrick (USA) 1st rd. **British** (12mns) Darren Barker (Leeds) 2-0. **IBF** (12mns) 1st round: B Savage (Sheffield) 48. **IBO** (800m): 1. M Yates (Birmingham) 1m 50. **IBF** (800m): 2. A Dales (Thames Valley) 1m 50. **IBF** (800m): 3. E Cahen (Thames Valley) 1m 51.45. **IBO** (500m): 1. L Cavell (Sheffield) 3m 45.2. **IBO** (500m): 2. S Mosley (Sheffield) 3m 51.55. **IBO** (500m): 3. A-P Roden (Sheffield) 14m 15. **IBO** (500m): 2. D Bambrick (Sheffield) 14m 15. **IBO** (500m): 3. M Clarkson (Sheffield) 14m 15. **IBO** (500m): 4. Bambrick (Sheffield) 14m 15. **IBO** (500m): 5. A-C Stevenson (Cardiff) 8m 54. **IBO** (500m): 6. 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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Berisford, Care UK, Electronic Data Processing, Treatt, Widney. Final: Aca, Camellia, Cropper (James), Dee Valley, Electro-components, Enson Holdings, Eurodollar (Holdings), Field Group, Renold, Christian Salvesen, Soco Group, Unigate, Wynnstay Properties. Economic statistics: UK May producer prices, UK April cyclical indicators, German May unemployment, G10 central bank governors committee meeting.

TOMORROW

Interims: Bradstock Group, Drummond Group, NFC, Thorn EMI, Toy Options. Final: Amberley Group, Amersham International, Ann Street Brewery, Babcock International, BSS Group, CML Microsystems, East Midlands Electricity, Great Portland Estates, Henderson Administration Group, Marshalls, Northern Foods, Seven Trent, Volex. Economic statistics: UK April new construction orders, UK April industrial production, US May producer prices, French May consumer sentiment.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Blick, Chemring Group, Goldsborough Healthcare, Granada Group. Final: BAA, Bradford Property Trust, Bristol Water Holdings, London Insurance Market, Mansfield Brewery, Meyer International, Seaford, Stirling Group, WT Foods. Economic statistics: UK May jobless, UK April average earnings, unit wage costs, US May consumer prices and real earnings.

THURSDAY

Interims: Daily Mail & General Trust, Dewhurst, GWR Group, Neotonics Technology. Final: Brockhampton Holdings, Edinburgh Income Trust, FKI, Johnson Matthey, Leigh Interests, London Electricity, London Merchant Securities, Martin Currie European Investment, Regalton Properties, Scapa Group, Setton (Marlin) Group. Economic statistics: UK May retail prices, US weekly jobless claims, US May retail sales.

FRIDAY

Interims: Burndene Investments, Denmark Electrical, Final: Capital Gearing Trust, Osborne & Little, Portsmouth & Sunderland Newspapers, Yorkshire Electricity. Economic statistics: US May industrial production, US May capacity utilisation, US April business inventories.

COMPANIES

Unigate to deliver double cream

UNIGATE: Beef must have dominated talk at board meetings over the past few months. But the food group escaped mostly unharmed from the speculation over a human link with BSE.

Final pre-tax profits, due today, are expected to be £121 million, up from £58 million, and earnings per share are thought to have risen from 20.1p to 37.1p. The net dividend is likely to rise 1p to 19.5p.

The group's involvement in demerger activities is deemed successful. A week ago it sold half of its American restaurant business. DenAmerica bought the 100 Black-eyed Pea restaurants for £42 million. They made an operating profit of £3 million in the year to March 31 and had a net asset value of around £60 million. Unigate had been struggling to find a buyer.

The group is still trying to dispose of its other American restaurants, 110 Taco Bueno fast food outlets and five Casa Bonita/Crystal restaurants.

Selling Taco Bueno would end a string of disposals by Ross Buckland, Unigate's chief executive. He has focused the group mainly on chilled dairy foods.

NORTHERN FOODS: Prospects of a cattle cull sufficient to affect the UK milk supply have receded so analysts have cast aside their worries and are predicting normalised pre-tax profits of £125 million, up from £28 million, to be announced tomorrow.

Earnings per share should rise from 2.8p to 15.7p and the net dividend will climb slightly from 8.8p to 9p. The liquid milk business continues to struggle with lower overall volumes, an adverse shift in the mix away from the doorstep and higher input costs. But the butter operations benefited from a sharp increase in selling prices.

The base business will be sharply down in profit terms while the radical surgery that Northern performed on its fixed cost base bodes well for continued improvement.

BAA: Defeat at the hands of Swissair in the bid to buy the Alders International duty-free shops business marred a good



Sir John Egan, chairman, saw BAA sent packing by Swissair in the battle for Alders' chain of duty-free shops. Defeat marred an otherwise good year for the airport operator

performance by the airport operator, whose chairman is Sir John Egan.

Last year's pre-tax profits of £360 million are expected to increase to £410 million when its final results are announced on Wednesday. A 6 per cent increase in passenger numbers was the main reason for the increase.

But shareholders will no doubt ask directors how they could have let Alders slip away. A sale was agreed and as good as sealed. Then Swissair started bidding aggressively. BAA dithered for a while but seemed able to hold on to the deal, only to be forced

eventually to follow Swissair and reject the offer.

Hours later, the Swiss hit back and matched BAA's £15 million increase, and their robust anti-dutch clinched the deal.

EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY: Pre-tax profits are expected to dip from £21.4 million to £20.2 million when the regional electricity company (Rec) reports its final results tomorrow, but in spite of that the company is believed to be lifting the net dividend 8 per cent from 29p to 31.5p. While this should please shareholders, they should also

consider the long-term public perception of the company's performance. East Midlands was singled out as the worst-performing regional electricity company last year by Offter, the industry regulator.

The number of complaints rose by 8 per cent in 1995, while they fell for most other Recs.

THORN EMI: Now that the plans for the demerger of the music and rental business this summer are falling into place, UBS is sending out a firm buy recommendation.

Pre-tax profits are likely to be

£525 million, up from £424 million, when final results are announced tomorrow.

Earnings per share should rise from 36.5p to 39.8p and the dividend looks set to rise from 62.5p to 74.8p.

The demerger plans have sparked bid speculation for EMI Music, which boasts George Michael, the Beatles, Radiohead and the Smashing Pumpkins on its roster.

The Thorn board intends to issue formal demerger proposals to shareholders next month and hopes to conclude the process in the following month. Once the demerger is completed, Thorn and EMI Music will be quoted separately.

LONDON ELECTRICITY: Growing balance sheet strength is expected from the privatised utility when it reveals its final results on Thursday. Analysts predict a pre-tax profits decline of 10 per cent, down to £194 million from £215 million last year.

Earnings per share should rise from 78.8p to 88p, an increase of 12 per cent, while the net dividend is expected to rise 42 per cent to 41.1p.

In spite of the dividend rise, the company may not be as willing as others to pass value back to shareholders because it is still committed to expanding its core business. But all that could change if London Electricity became the target of a takeover bid.

Electricity watchers in the City do not believe that there is an imminent threat of that, but the Rec is featured on their list of possibilities.

Earlier this year, London shares had been propelled upwards by bid speculation. Houston Industries was believed to be a potential predator. Shares moved up 28p to 813p as speculation grew in April.

Potential bidders are thought to be hurrying to seal deals ahead of a possible Labour Government, which would be expected to be tougher on utility takeovers and is committed to imposing windfall taxes.

OLIVER AUGUST

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Focus on key price figures

A heavy programme of economic statistics kicks off today with May producer prices figures, key to any analysis of the economy because the Chancellor last week justified his quarterly cut in base rates to 5.75 per cent partly on predictions that producer price inflation will fall further.

According to the consensus forecast compiled by MMS International, producer input prices are expected to have risen by 0.3 per cent in the month, allowing the annual rate to fall to 2.8 per cent (3 per cent). Output prices are forecast to have risen by 0.1 per cent, taking the year-on-year rate down to 3.1 per cent (3.2 per cent).

Tomorrow we get a snapshot of industrial activity in April. The markets are expecting industrial production to show only marginal growth of 0.1 per cent and zero growth in manufacturing. These figures are followed on Wednesday by May unemployment figures and April figures for average earnings. The latter are also particularly market-sensitive because average earnings growth ticked up surprisingly to 3.75 per cent in March. The markets are expecting unemployment to have fallen by around 8,000 and average earnings growth to stay at 3.75 per cent.

On Thursday, retail prices figures for May are published. The headline rate of inflation is expected to be unchanged at 2.4 per cent while the underlying rate, targeted by the Government, is predicted to fall slightly to 2.8 per cent (2.9 per cent). RPIY, which excludes indirect taxes as well as mortgage interest payments, is forecast to fall to 2.5 per cent (2.6 per cent).

Inflation is set to be a major focus internationally, too, with figures coming from the US, Japan and various European countries. The US producer prices data tomorrow and consumer prices on Wednesday will attract huge market interest because of fears of higher inflation after last Friday's jump in US employment.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Unigate, Tottenham Hotspur, Amersham, Umeco, Sell House of Fraser. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Thorn EMI, Chemring, Limit, Wickes; Sell Amey, Independent on Sunday: Buy Recognition Systems, Vosper Thornycroft, Vardon; Sell Inspec. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Symonds, Videologic, Crown Products; Sell Freepages.

AN EXCLUSIVE TIMES READER OFFER

Take a friend to an open air event for 30p

Today *The Times* offers you the chance to take a friend to a series of theatre performances and concerts in the open air — for only 30p. There are more than 70 events at 33 venues across the UK to choose from.

Magnificent settings include Euston Park at Thetford, Norfolk, Weston Park, Shropshire and Penwortham Park, Sussex. You can enjoy performances in historic castles at Arundel and Warwick, in the splendid surroundings of Peterborough Cathedral or the intimate setting of Thaxted Church, Essex.

Whichever venue you choose — and many have as their finale a spectacular firework display — when you buy one ticket at the full price, you can buy another for 30p.

Special events in our offer include the Asco Jazz Festival taking place on the famous racecourse when, on successive nights, you can enjoy Alan Price and Courtney Pine. Open air theatre events include the Teatari Biuro Podrozy in Paternoster Square, part of the City of London Festival, and the innovative theatre company Oddsocks performing *Richard III* around the country. Take a picnic, dress up and have a good time.

To take advantage of our exclusive offer, collect four of the six tokens appearing in *The Times*, and attach them to the application form which will be published on Wednesday. This is the second half of our list of participating venues, the first appeared on Saturday.

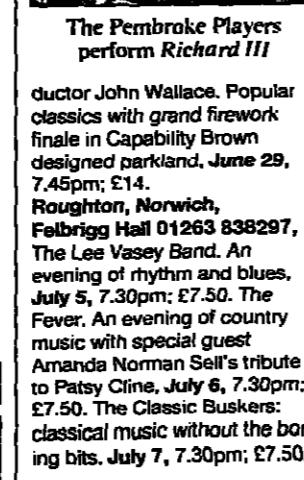
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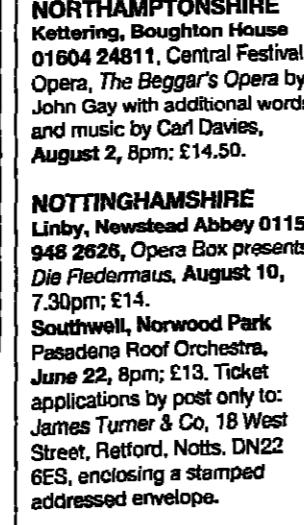
YOUR CHOICE OF VENUE



Counterfeit Stones and the Bootleg Beachboys, August 18, 7pm; £13.



The Pembroke Players perform *Richard III*.



Slava Grigoryan plays at The Harrogate Festival



Musical harmony for 30p: the Pasadena Roof Orchestra appears at Norwood Park, Nottinghamshire on June 22

July 31, 8pm; £10, £8.
Harlow Carr Gardens, Oddsocks Productions presents *Richard III*, August 5 and 6, 7.30pm; £8.
Wickham Market, Framlingham Castle 01728 724189, Oddsocks presents The Pembroke Players performing *Richard III*, June 21, 7.30pm; £8.

YORKSHIRE
Harrogate Festival 01423 585757
Christ Church on the Stray, Slava Grigoryan (guitar), July 27, 11am; £5. Jeffrey Lloyd Roberts (tenor), Iain Burnside (piano); recital of English songs featuring Finzi and Farrar, August 3, 11am; £5.
Ripon Cathedral

July 21, 3pm; £8. Daniel Beethoven and Mozart, July 22, 8pm; £8. Quator Parissi String Quartet with Michael Collins; Haydn String Quartet Op54, Mozart Clarinet Quintet, Brahms Clarinet Quintet, July 24, 8pm; £8. Alan Price and the Electric Blues Company July 25, 8pm; £8 and £6. London Mozart Players, conductor Jonathan Butcher, soloist Julian Lloyd Webber; Haydn Cello Concerto, Mozart Symphony No 33, Schubert Symphony No 5, July 26, 8pm; £10 and £6.

WALES
Fishguard Music Festival 01348 673612
BBC National Orchestra of Wales, conductor Mark Feno. Violin and piano works by Schubert, Brahms and Mozart, July 19, 8pm; £6. Susanne Stanzelotti, Timothy Gill, Gustav Feno: trios for violin, cello and piano by Schubert, Brahms and Mozart.

NORTHERN IRELAND
Castler Ward, Strangford 01233 510721, Ulster Orchestra: music and fireworks, August 3, 7.30pm; £15, children £7.50.

SCOTLAND
Bewickshire Aytoun Castle 0141 339 2708, Susanne Stanzelotti and Gustav Feno. Violin and piano works by Schubert, Brahms and Mozart, July 19, 8pm; £6. Susanne Stanzelotti, Timothy Gill, Gustav Feno: trios for violin, cello and piano by Schubert, Brahms and Mozart.

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Eisteddfod 01978 861501, Tasmin Little (violin) plus international choir and folk dancers, July 11, 7.30pm; £12, £9. Anne Evans (soprano) plus international choir and folk dancers, July 12, 7.30pm; £12, £9.

30p CONCERT TOKEN 2

Job fears will bring workers back to unions, says GMB

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

JOB insecurity and economic failure in Britain will encourage employees to join trade unions, one of the UK's principal unions claimed yesterday.

Although union membership is continuing to fall in Britain, especially in the private sector, the GMB union said workers are increasingly turning to unions for support as job insecurity grows.

At the start of the GMB's annual conference in Blackpool, John Edmonds, its general secretary, said: "Unions will start to see their membership increase in this economic climate." Unions, he said, were increasingly seen as the "only check against unscrupulous employers".

Survey evidence published by the union yesterday shows low levels of job security among union members and a strong desire for greater protection against unfair dismissal.

Greater protection against unfair dismissal is listed by new members and the union's full-time officers as the main collective bargaining priority for the union, though more members still rank improvements in pay rather than job security as their chief priority.

In a keynote speech to the conference today, which will also be addressed by John Prescott, Labour deputy leader, Mr Edmonds will emphasise the extent to which social partnership, including focusing on job security, is being practised by the GMB in agreements with employers.

Two BCCI men cleared

AN appeals court in the United Arab Emirates yesterday cleared Fakher Hussain and Naseem Sheikh, both Pakistanis with British citizenship, of fraud charges arising from the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) collapse in 1991, amid allegations of fraud and embezzlement said to total \$10 billion.

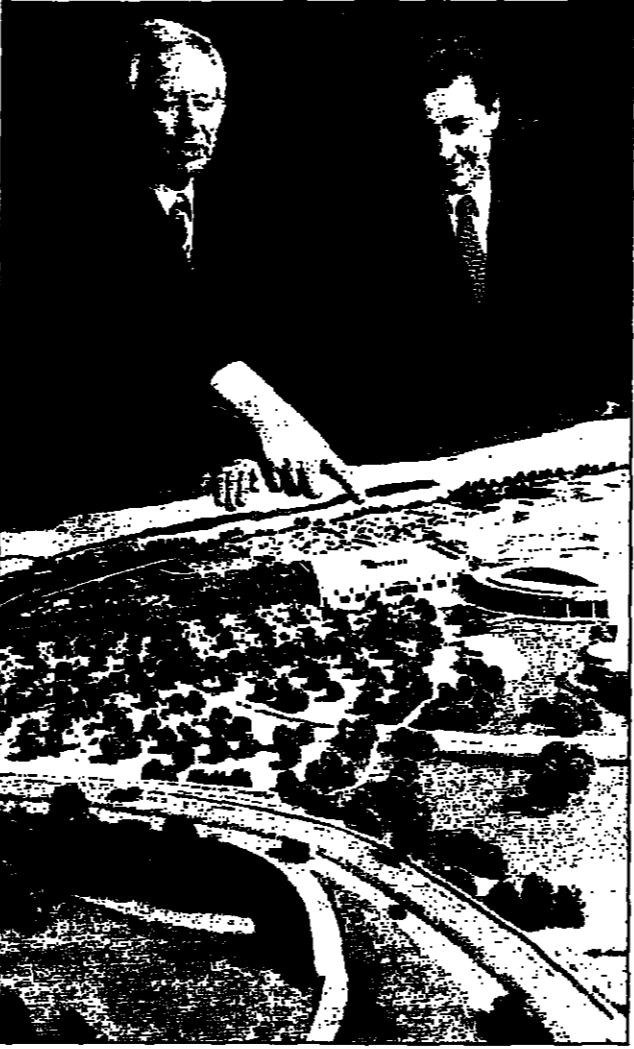
But the three-judge panel rejected an appeal by Mohammed Naqvi, chief executive, against his 14-year jail term imposed in 1995 for his role in the closure.

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Hydro-Dynamics, the chemical and imaging systems supplier that floated at 100p earlier in the week,

closed on Friday at 116p. SEA Multimedia, the Israeli CD-Rom company with rights to the Atlanta Olympics, closed its first week at 75p, up 5p.

This week Pacific Media



Stuart Horner, left, and Peter Walickowski, of Lend Lease

Banks and Pru buy shops park

By MARTIN BARROW

THE Bluewater shopping centre development near Dartford, Kent, has been bought by a consortium of banks and the Prudential Corporation.

Lend Lease, the Australian property and financial services group, has sold an 85 per cent interest to the consortium, which includes Lloyds, Royal Bank of Scotland and Barclays, for £375 million.

The remaining 15 per cent will be held by Prudential, which is expected to pay more than £100 million when the project is completed in 1999. The project is then expected to be valued at £700 million.

Bluewater will be the largest retail centre in Europe, occupying a 240-acre site. It will have a gross leasable area of 151,000 square metres. More than 50 per cent of the retail space has now been let. Agreements have been signed with John Lewis Partnership, Marks & Spencer and House of Fraser.

Stuart Horner, chairman of Lend Lease, said the project would inject about £200 million of economic benefit into the regional economy during the construction period.

British casinos seeking stake in South Africa

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

BRITISH casino operators are hoping to strike it rich in a South African casino gold rush. Major groups, including Ladbrokes, London Clubs International and Aspinalls, are all bidding to win a slice of the country's £525 million casino market.

Up to 40 licences will be available across the country when draft gaming legislation passes through the South African Parliament in the next few months. Ladbrokes has established a two-man office in South Africa to help to prepare its case to operate the new casinos. The company is particularly keen to combine casinos with its two new Hilton hotels in Johannesburg and Durban.

London Clubs is concentrating on Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban. The company already runs operations in Egypt and is shortly to open the first casino in Beirut.

Aspinalls, owned by John Aspinall, is also looking at opportunities in Durban, in KwaZulu-Natal province, and

is believed to be putting together a bid with Kerry Packer, the Australian media tycoon. Mr Aspinall has close links with Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party leader and Minister for Home Affairs.

Rank Organisation, the leisure group, has decided not to join the competition after preparing a feasibility study earlier this year. Mike Allison, chief executive of Grosvenor Casinos, said: "We still feel that the regime is too precarious and there is only a low level of foreign investment in the country. There are other more stable markets closer to home that interest us more."

The South African Government wants to place gaming on a legal footing to encourage tourism and close the country's estimated 1,200 illegal casinos. The proposed plans, which will limit companies to a maximum of 16 licences with no more than two in any one province, will also break the monopoly held by Sun International, based in Sun City.

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

Market defies summer slowdown

last year's. Its shares closed at 62p, up 2p.

Much interest has been shown in Sinclair Montrose Healthcare, the hospital staff administration company. It is now expected to be capitalised at £17 million, £5 million above initial estimates. Its shares should

begin trading in two weeks.

AIM broke trading records in May, as equity turnover reached a new high of £177 million, up 20 per cent from the previous month. It closed the week with a market capitalisation of £3.45 billion.

FRASER NELSON

THE traditional summer lull in the stock market seems unlikely to halt activity on the Alternative Investment Market. Companies trading on AIM raised £62.8 million of new capital in May alone.

David Abrahams, a trader with Winterflood Securities, said: "Usually, the summer,"

distractions make trading that bit quieter. But we have seen no sign of a let-up at all. If anything, this week's trading has been busier than usual."

Hydro-Dynamics, the chemical and imaging systems supplier that floated at 100p earlier in the week,

will test the theory that adding the word Internet to a business's activities is an automatic trigger to send its shares soaring. It is to form a joint venture with Bertels-

mann, the German media giant, to develop Asia's online potential, and analysts expect the shares to respond sharply. Dimatek, the Israeli computer software company, is still trying to get back above its launch price of 75p. It is touring institutional investors this week with an order book worth £2.6 million, six times higher than

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Talks aim to prevent post strike

Crucial talks aimed at averting a national postal strike begin in London today, with the Royal Mail expected to table a new pay offer. Members of the Communication Workers Union have voted strongly for industrial action in protest at a new pay and conditions package that includes the introduction of team working.

Under the Employee Agenda, some workers would receive a pay cut because of the scrapping of shift and other allowances. The Royal Mail will try to ensure that most, if not all, its 140,000 delivery and sorting office staff receive a pay rise under the deal. The talks are likely to continue all week.

Orange glow

Orange, the mobile telecoms company whose shares made their stock market debut in February, is favourite to be promoted to the FTSE 100 index this week. It has a market capitalisation of £3 billion. But Railtrack seems likely to be excluded. Other contenders are United News and Media, Securicor, Next, and Lucas Industries. Likely casualties are Foreign & Colonial, Greenalls and Lasmo.

Innovation fall

Spending on innovation by UK manufacturers fell last year, from 6.7 to 6.2 per cent of turnover, according to a joint report by the Confederation of British Industry and NatWest. It also notes a significant fall in manufacturers' commitment to patenting down to 62 pence cent, from 77 per cent last year.



Archie Norman, chief executive of Asda, is launching a fresh offensive on prices by cutting the cost of Anadin

Asda fights fixed prices by halving cost of painkiller

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

ASDA, the supermarkets group, is launching another attack on the last bastion of price fixing by offering Anadin Paracetamol, the painkiller, at half its usual price. The company first challenged the 26-year-old retail price maintenance (RPM) law on over-the-counter medicines last October, by discounting 82 brand vitamin and mineral products by 20 per cent. It had to put its prices back up when the makers, Roche and Seven Seas, took out injunctions. Asda

also had a key role in destruction of the net book agreement. The company said yesterday that the normal price tag on Anadin Paracetamol is £1.72 and is an example of the "extreme absurdity" of the RPM laws. It will offer the product at 86p from today. Asda said that it will contact Anadin's makers, Whitehall Laboratories, this morning to explain what it has done and to find out what action Whitehall Laboratories may take.

Gwyn Butt, Asda's market-

ing director, said that painkillers such as Anadin Paracetamol were "well established mundane health aids". He said: "The margins on Anadin Paracetamol are amongst the highest available to any retailer in Britain. It rank alongside high fashion and expensive perfume."

Asda's move will chill pharmaceutical manufacturers and also retail chemists — large and small — which rely heavily on over-the-counter drugs' margins. The sector is

already in a state of uncertainty because of the bid battle for Lloyds Chemists between Unichem and Geha, of Germany. The two bids were referred, in March, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which is expected to report on them next month.

The Office of Fair Trading began an inquiry into RPM on non-prescription medicines last October. Asda said yesterday that it was "dismayed that any decision may take up to two years to implement".

Irish turf chief's pay deal under scrutiny

FROM EILEEN McCABE IN DUBLIN

THE fate of one of the most successful managing directors in Ireland's large state sector is in the balance as auditors complete their inquiry into his controversial pay package.

Dr Eddie O'Connor, who took over the running of Bord na Móna, the state turf board, nine years ago is widely credited with turning one of the country's sleepiest public sector companies into a lean, dynamic organisation. How-

ever, his managerial achievements have been overshadowed by debate about his pay packet.

A Price Waterhouse report has shown that Dr O'Connor's overall package over the three years to last March totalled between £150,000 and £200,000 a year. He also received £141,000 in expenses. Politicians say that the package is way in excess of government guidelines.

Barings inquiry may widen

BY ROBERT MILLER

MEMBERS of the Commons Treasury Select Committee may call other senior Barings executives after taking evidence today from Peter Barings, the bank's former chief executive officer.

As *The Times* revealed last week, a BBC *Inside Story* special, to be screened on Wednesday, will show Mr Norris admitting that he was shocked at the general lack of internal management controls in Barings and the "mad hatter's tea party" atmosphere

in the days immediately before the £530 million crash.

The committee, headed by Sir Tom Arnold, is conducting its own investigation into the Barings crash, and has already interviewed Peter Barings, former chairman, and Andrew Tuckey, his deputy, Geoffrey Barnett, previously chief operating officer, is to give evidence after Mr Norris.

Although repeatedly pressed by MPs to name the person he thought was responsible for failing to spot that

Nick Leeson, whose trading brought about the bank's downfall, was a fraudster, Mr Barings refused to do so.

Sir Tom said this weekend: "We may call other individuals who were with Barings at the time of the crash after we have heard from Mr Norris."

The company is allowing investors until June 20 to cancel even if their cancellation period has passed.

Judy Delafosse, a spokesperson for IMRO, would not say whether it was taking further action, but added: "There are industry-wide concerns about the overuse of the word 'guaranteed'."

This, combined with weaker than officially forecast growth pushing revenues down, will lead to a 1996-97 PSBR well above the £22.4 billion target. A figure of £30 billion is more likely. This would represent only a small improvement on last year's borrowing, and as redemptions will be

higher, total gilt issuance will have to rise. The market will have to absorb more debt when there will be no international bond market rally to aid gilts.

The state of government finances is likely severely to limit the Chancellor's scope in the Budget. Admittedly, for political reasons, there will be some tax cuts, but these will have to be small and offset by spending cuts. We will see more of the policy that has characterised Kenneth Clarke's chancellorship, looser monetary policy as the state of public finances prevents easing of the fiscal burden.

The public finances will also limit any rallies triggered by hope that sterling will be part of the first round of EMU. The general government deficit (as opposed to the PSBR) was 6 per cent of GDP in 1995, and, we calculate, will fall only to 5 per cent in 1996. It would require improbable savage tightening of fiscal policy in 1997 to get the deficit to 3 per cent.

If the UK is to qualify for monetary union, it would have to argue that the deficit overshoot is due to exceptional circumstances or that the deficit has been cut and is close to 3 per cent. Either would be hard to justify.

With heavy issuance to absorb, the gilt market will probably continue to underperform in the next few months. Although it is now cheap against Germany, France, Italy and Spain, the scope for spread-narrowing is limited. At the start of the year, we said that ten-year gilts' yield spread over Germany would range between 140 and 225 bps, and so far it has been 140 to 180. Our range still holds. The curve's short end is likely to be safest, and should benefit from changing interest rate expectations. Maturities of five years and more will continue to suffer.

KATY PETERS AND SANJAY JOSHI
Daiwa Europe Limited

State's taste for money limits Clarke's scope

By JODY BRETKELLY
AND ANNE ASHWORTH

HSBC Asset Management, the fund management arm of the international banking group, was forced to send out 13,500 letters to clarify vital terms and conditions of its new personal equity plan.

The action coincided with an Inland Revenue ruling blocking a controversial Scottish Amicable Pep scheme. This tested rules to the limit by allowing investors to put in £50,000. The normal general Pep allowance is £6,000.

John Cowan, general manager of Scottish Amicable, commented: "The timing of the Inland Revenue's action was clearly geared to create as much disruption as possible, and must surely call into question the way in which the Inland Revenue approves products for the financial services industry." Investors will receive a refund.

HSBC Pep Plus, is a single company Pep tracking the FTSE 100 index, which allows investment of both the general and single company Pep allowance, totalling £9,000. It has already attracted £20 million. Brochures said that the Pep aimed to keep investors' capital "secure" and to pay 133 per cent of any rise in the market.

However, some press articles said that the capital was "guaranteed" and the company started to use one such article in its literature.

The Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (IMRO), the City watchdog, expressed concern about the literature, which was withdrawn, and asked the company to make clear the risks. As a result, the company has sent out letters to its 1,500 investors, as well as 7,000 to prospective investors and 5,000 to financial advisers, pointing out that the product is not guaranteed. The letter said that the risk to capital was "minimal".

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Alasdair Murray reports on the next shot in the games war

Nintendo rejoins battle for world domination

Nintendo will fire the latest shot in the computer games war when it launches its state-of-the-art Ultra-64 games machine next week.

Nintendo will first blood the product on the company's home Japanese market before launching in the United States in September, and in the UK in late autumn.

The machine has been years in the development, plagued by technical problems and cancelled launch dates, with Nintendo losing valuable ground in the games market to its arch rivals Sony and Sega.

Sony made a pre-emptive strike against the Nintendo launch when it cut the price of its PlayStation games console by £100 to £199 last week. Sony's price was also a response to Sega's £50 cut in May, to £249, in the price of its rival Saturn system. The price of the 32-bit Saturn has now halved since it was launched at £400 less than a year ago, as Sega struggles to compete. The price-cutting is all

part of a three-cornered battle for supremacy in the £10 billion worldwide games hardware market.

Nearly 400,000 games consoles were sold in the UK alone last year with Sony's PlayStation selling 200,000 units compared with just 50,000 Sega consoles. The relative failure of Sega sales in the UK and Europe has begun to hurt the group's profits. Sega revealed its profits had fallen by 18 per cent to £1.57 billion, and analysts are gloomy about the group's immediate financial prospects.

Games enthusiasts, however, have been impressed with their first sighting of the Ultra, which was unveiled at a Los Angeles trade fair last month. The machine has a 3D graphic capability equal to a top-of-the-range computer and Nintendo is planning to retail the machine at £249, bringing it into immediate competition with the less sophisticated Sega Saturn.

But Nintendo will have fewer than a dozen Internet services, including network gaming and e-mail, via the television.

Nintendo, meanwhile, which dominated the market in the late 1980s, chose to pass on the current round of fighting and steal a march on its rivals by launching the more sophisticated 64-bit Ultra games machine.

While group profits increased this year because of favourable currency fluctuations, underlying profits actually fell by 15 per cent, to £1.57 billion, and analysts are gloomy about the group's immediate financial prospects. Games enthusiasts, however, have been impressed with their first sighting of the Ultra, which was unveiled at a Los Angeles trade fair last month. The machine has a 3D graphic capability equal to a top-of-the-range computer and Nintendo is planning to retail the machine at £249, bringing it into immediate competition with the less sophisticated Sega Saturn.

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software titles available at the launch, compared with around 100 titles on sale for the established 32-bit machines. Nintendo's software will also retail at around £70, up to 40 per cent more expensive than existing games software. The delay in the Ultra launch has also resulted in a number of major software companies defecting to rival camps.

The Ultra's ultimate success will depend heavily on Nintendo's ability to find a software success to match the Super Mario Brothers game, which was dominant in the early part of the decade.

The home computer is also becoming a major threat to all three game-makers. The spread of CD-Roms has meant that many homes now have computers capable of doubling up as serious game-playing machines. PCs are now responsible for about 40 per cent of all games sales, compared with 27 per cent in 1994.

RADIO CHOICE

More grave than gravy

With Great Pleasure. Radio 4 (FM). 10.00am.

I still preferred it when *With Great Pleasure* was performed in front of an audience. In my book, pleasure shared is pleasure doubled. This poetry and prose series starts up again this morning with the Beat poet Allen Ginsberg. 70 this month, walking in his New York apartment about his favorite versifiers and breaking off for recordings by some of them. Under the influence of mystical reading and vegetarian cooking, he says, he once heard the ghostly voice of William Blake. That prompted him to set certain Blake poems to music. If they are all as lugubrious as the one we hear today, it doesn't say much for vegetarianism, mysticism, or Ginsberg as a singer.

Jazz Score. Radio 2. 10.00pm.

Can this quiz really be 18 years old? If that had been one of the answers tonight, there would have been the loudest gasp of disbelief anywhere on BBC radio all day. Benny Green is again in the chair, and John Dankworth, Cleo Laine, the clarinettist Rob McConnell and clarinetist Alan Barnes are the contestants. Nobody gets an answer wrong, and I think the answers are unusually good. One of them concerns Bruce Adolphe, the quintet leader. The morning after a heavy night before, he complained that he was suffering from the wrath of grapes. We also learn why it is not really serious if a classical guitar player accidentally bashes his left thumb with a hammer.

Peter Davallie

Extra fees that please the auditor

For some leading companies, the biggest bills are for consultancy services, writes Jon Ashworth

Guinness. Pure Genius. And pure profit if you happen to be Price Waterhouse, which picked up fees of £10.2 million last year for its consulting and auditing work for the company. BT. It's good to talk. And even better if you happen to be Coopers & Lybrand, which was paid £6.9 million in 1995 for audit and consultancy services.

The numbers are big, as one would expect from operations on this scale. BT alone made a pre-tax profit of £3 billion on sales of £14.4 billion last year. But the curious part is how auditing, the lifeblood of so many accountancy firms, appears to be losing its traditional dominance. At Guinness, for instance, only £2.2 million out of £10.2 million in fees was spent on the statutory audit. The rest went on various consulting assignments, notably £3 million on restructuring in Europe, and £2 million on tax advice.

Browse through the accounts of Britain's biggest companies, and the gulf between audit and non-audit work is readily apparent. NatWest paid £15.6 million in fees last year, of which only £4.1 million was due for audit work by KPMG. Some £7.1 million went on regulatory, tax, debt investigation and other advisory services, and £4.4 million was spent on management consulting. NatWest said consulting assignments are put out to tender, but it does not itemise



Sir William Purves, the chairman of HSBC, which paid £9.4 million in audit fees to KPMG, and "only" £3.5 million for add-on services

amounts payable to firms other than KPMG — a common practice for most companies. Wrap in the unseen figures, and the totals would undoubtedly swell.

Thorn EMI paid a total of £12.1 million in fees, of which only £3 million went to Ernst & Young for direct audit work.

British Gas paid Price Waterhouse £1.5 million for audit work, and £6.9 million for non-audit services. Notable exceptions include HSBC,

which paid £9.4 million in audit fees to KPMG, and "only" £3.5 million for add-on services. Wrap in the unseen figures, and the totals would undoubtedly swell.

Gerry Acher, head of audit at KPMG, said winning non-audit work was far from a god-given right, and expects to see even more in the way of competitive tendering for consulting work in the future.

This might apply in particular to computer projects worth £10 million or more. Mr Acher, chairman of the audit faculty of the Institute of Chartered

Accountants in England and Wales, disagreed that non-audit work was growing in relation to audit fees. However, he conceded that firms had benefited in the past two years, as companies emerging from recession set about restructuring.

With or without competitive tenders, a surprising proportion of overall advisory work still appears to remain firmly under one roof. BT, for instance, paid Coopers & Lybrand £2.1 million for its work as auditor last year, up from £1.9 million in 1994. The fee for other services, including regulatory audits and tax compliance work, amounted to more than £4 million. And a

further £1.3 million in fees was payable to Coopers & Lybrand International for audit work overseas, and other services.

Grand Metropolitan, the name behind brands such as Pillsbury, Burger King and Häagen-Dazs, paid KPMG £4.4 million in audit fees last year. Other services to UK group companies incurred a further £3.6 million in fees, with an additional £1.9 million on services to non-UK subsidiaries. Total fees amounted to £9.95 million.

Demand for non-audit work often doubles the amount payable in fees. Commercial Union paid Coopers & Lybrand £2.3 million for audit work, and a further £2.5 million for additional services.

The year before, the company paid Coopers £3.5 million for work relating to the acquisition of Group Victoria.

The figures need to be kept in perspective. Barclays, high in the league of fee-payers, paid Price Waterhouse £4.6 million in audit fees, and £4.2 million in respect of other accounting and regulatory work. The figures pale next to the amount spent in other areas — £88 million in consultancy fees (of which PW got £6.6 million), and £89 million for legal and other professional work.

Roger Davis, head of audit at Coopers & Lybrand, says the reverse may often be true. He said: "The top companies are all shopping around. Auditors are not getting an advantage. If anything, they are at a disadvantage." Mr Davis said the auditor would be expected to take on related work, such

£100 MILLION PAID TO AUDITORS

Company	Group auditor	Total fees £m	Audit fee £m	Add-on services £m
NatWest	KPMG	15.6	4.1	11.5
Barclays	PW	13.4	4.6	8.8
BP	EY	13.2	5.5	7.7
HSBC	KPMG	12.1	9.4	3.7
Thorn EMI	EY	12.1	3.0	9.1
Lloyd TSB	PW	10.8	5.1	5.7
Guinness	PW	10.2	2.2	8.0
SE	PW/Coopers	10.0	4.0	6.0
GrandMet	KPMG	9.9	4.4	5.5
P&G	KPMG	9.1	4.2	4.9

Source: Accountancy Age

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Brisky back in the real world

STEPHEN BRISBY, former head of corporate finance at UBS, is making the most of a Spanish holiday before returning to work after a 14-month gardening leave. The acerbic Oxford graduate has been lured back to work as head of international mergers and acquisitions at Société Générale.

Meanwhile, *Country Life* readers will have spotted Brisby's splendid pad in Leicestershire up for sale. Brisby, 46, and his Danish wife once out-bid Kathleen Tynan for a £2 million Kennington residence.

Opera antics

THE staff notice board at Schroders, sponsors of the event, either assures that top dogs can pay full whack, or

that corporate tickets will be available later.

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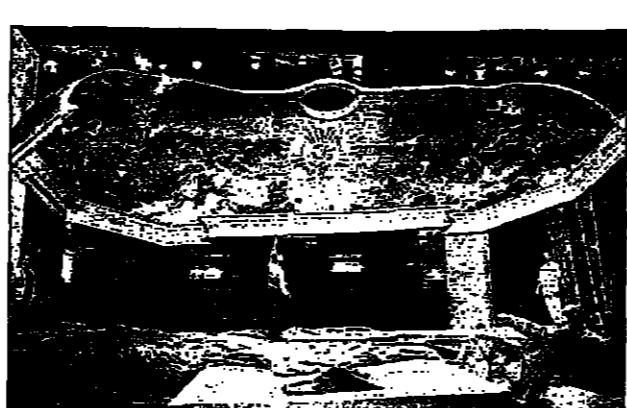
DAVID McINTOSH, a senior partner at Davies Arnold

Cooper, and a member-elect of the Law Society Council, was so impressed with a student speaking at a recent Oxford Union debate that he offered him a job. The first-year law student was aghast to hear the offer after he spoke from the floor against the motion McIntosh was defending: "This house would radically reform the judiciary."

Best of enemies

PAULINE HEDGES, former press officer at the British Bankers Association, is joining forces with consumer advocate Patricia Griffiths, founder of Bank Action Group. The pair will be working at Griffiths' business, helping disgruntled bank customers. Hedges said: "I know bank staff are not infallible — I used to be one."

MORAG PRESTON



Top of the scale: English National Opera is preparing to entertain Schroders' directors, but at what price?

English National Opera production of *La Traviata* in September — but they are not available to board members.

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RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Parade Today 6.20 Prayer for the Dead 6.20 LW 6.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Letters from a Diplomat (26) 8.55 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week Melvyn Bragg (read by Alison Peacock, Martin Amis, Will Hutton, Roger Crabb and Bernadette Valley)

10.00 News With Great Pleasure (FM only); See Choice 10.00 Test Match Special (LW only) 10.15 This Shouldn't Hurt (LW only) 10.30 Woman's Hour

11.00 Test Match Special: England v India (LW only); The final day's play 11.30 Melvyn Bragg (read by David Shallow, Michael Fukacova, cello, Weber (Overture: Euryanthe); Walton (Cello Concerto); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6 in B minor))

12.00 Composer of the Week: Weber 1.00pm BBC Lunchtime Concert, live from St John's Smith Square, London, Peter Donohoe, piano, Rachmaninov (Etudes-Pathétiques Op 23 No 2); Mussorgsky (Dawn over the Moscow River); Khovanshchina); Debussy (Cello Sonata); Johann Strauss, son (Mazurka Morning); Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No 3 in G (F)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini: Tchaikovsky (June, The Seasons); Handel (Cantatas: Donce che in ciel); Delius (Song of a Great City); 10.00 Musical Encounters. Artist of the Week: Czech Philharmonic and Václav Talich; Smetana (Serenade Maestoso) 10.11 Krommer (Clarinet Quintet in E flat); Dvořák (Slavonic Rhapsody No 3 in A flat; Biblical Songs, excerpts) 11.12 Martini (Nonet); Karásek (Táles) 12.00 Composer of the Week: Weber

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2.00 Schools The Song Tree 2.15 Storybox 2.25 Let's Move 2.45 First Steps in Drama 3.00 The Big Orchestra, BBC Scottish Orchestra, David Shallow, with Michael Fukacova, cello, Weber (Overture: Euryanthe); Walton (Cello Concerto); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6 in B minor))

3.00 Test Match Special (LW only) 3.30 Manorcilla, Dowland and Bach 3.50 Mahler 4.30 Cascia, Bologna and Landini 5.00 Sequence

4.30 Crystal Silence. The final part of the story of record label ECM features Richard Cook's interview with Manfred Eicher

5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson

5.15 In Tune Presented by Andrew Gant. Includes Bachianas (Brazilian) in B minor; Cop 126 No 4; Grainger (Shallow Brown); Tchaikovsky (Polonaise; Eugene Onegin).

7.30 Ulster Orchestra, under Enrico Maino; Hagai Shaham, violin; Hindemith (Symphony: Mathis der Maler); Sibelius (Violin Concerto); Walton (Symphony No 2); 8.00 Arias, by Gustav Mahler; The Hebrides Singers and Orchestra under Barry Davy; Walton

10.00 Ensemble, with the Chameleon Ensemble, Ligeti (Six bagatelles for wind quintet); Mozart (Adagio in B flat K441); Poulen (Sonatina for piano K283); 10.45 Melting Pot with Mark Russell

11.30 Composer of the Week: Böhm, Brahms and Beethoven (F)

12.30 Jazz Notes

1.00 Night School Music for Dance 1.30 Radio Revival

2.00 French Night, with David Maclean, Sophie Wesle

3.30 Marples, Dowland and Bach 3.50 Mahler 4.30 Cascia, Bologna and Landini 5.00 Sequence

6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM only) 6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (F)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 The Food Programme, with Sue Perkins

7.45 The Monday Play, Secure Within by Marlyn Wade. A black comedy starring Anna Massey, Brenda Blethyn, Stephen Moore and Julian Rhind-Tutt

9.00 Lives Like This. Twenty years ago, art student Daniel Meadows set out to photograph the lives and faces of ordinary people living in Britain. Alan Dean reports on Meadows' return to some of the places and people he met

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Ministers to overhaul state's support schemes for industry



By PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government is set to announce a radical overhaul of the entire range of official state support services for business.

The move, to be made by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, this week, is part of the Government's latest initiative on UK industrial and economic competitiveness, which ministers will promote with a new White Paper on Britain's comparative competitive performance on Thursday.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, will launch the White Paper with the support of a range of ministers.

including Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, and Mr Lang.

The White Paper will acknowledge the continuing gap between most companies in Britain and world-class companies from competitor nations, and will focus particularly on a skills audit of the UK's education and training performance.

Ministers will also announce a range of detailed moves on related issues, including education and deregulation, and Mr Lang will announce results of a Whitehall review of the services the Government provides for business in the UK.

The review, commissioned by the Prime

Minister, will preface a wholesale restructuring of Government-provided business services, which currently cost about £260 million in grants and other forms of aid for business.

Services covered by the review, initiated by John Major after consulting widely with small business, include regional selective assistance, to which the Government currently allocates some £100 million, to help investment projects that create jobs or safeguard employment in assisted areas. Labour will this week also announce the results of its own long-running examination of help for Britain's regions.

Other schemes that will be covered

include the small firms loan guarantee scheme, support for the development of Business Links, inward investment promotion and the development programme for chambers of commerce.

Although the Department of Trade and Industry will keep both responsibility and funding for business support schemes, Mr Lang will propose this week that the running of the schemes be pushed much closer to businesses that use them — at local level, by Business Links and Training and Enterprise Councils, and at sectoral level by industry bodies.

Labour is likely to seize on this proposal with accusations of state aid being handed over by the Government to the private sector.

The Government is expected to reject once again new statutory measures on late payment of debt. Ian Pearson, a Labour small firms spokesman, said yesterday that the move showed clearly the Government was moving in the wrong direction, against the wishes of small firms at local level.

The White Paper's skills audit will show that educational achievement in Britain lags markedly behind that of competitor nations. Mrs Shephard said yesterday that it was essential to make such comparisons so that it could be seen what improvements were needed.

British Energy set for £100m dividend row

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

BRITISH Energy will today cause a political storm when its pathfinder prospectus forecasts a dividend payout of nearly £100 million, almost double the level of the company's expected profits.

In addition, investors will not have to meet the final instalment for their shares until after the full dividend has been paid.

A dividend of this size for the year to March 31, 1997, would be a big incentive for potential investors in the nuclear power company, which is being privatised next month.

The company maintains that the payout will be supported by its strong cash flow. But critics of the nuclear flotation, including environmentalists and opposition politicians, are expected to protest at the size of the dividend, viewing it as a sweetener to investors designed to ensure the success of the privatisation.

The dividend forecast will help City analysts to put a value on the company, likely to be between £1.5 billion and £2 billion. There will be two dividends payments in the first year, one third in January and the rest in July.

within three years. The stations are due to begin closing in 2006 so life extensions will mean a big increase in the value of the business. It will also say that, barring unforeseen hindrances, it hopes to maintain a progressive dividend policy.

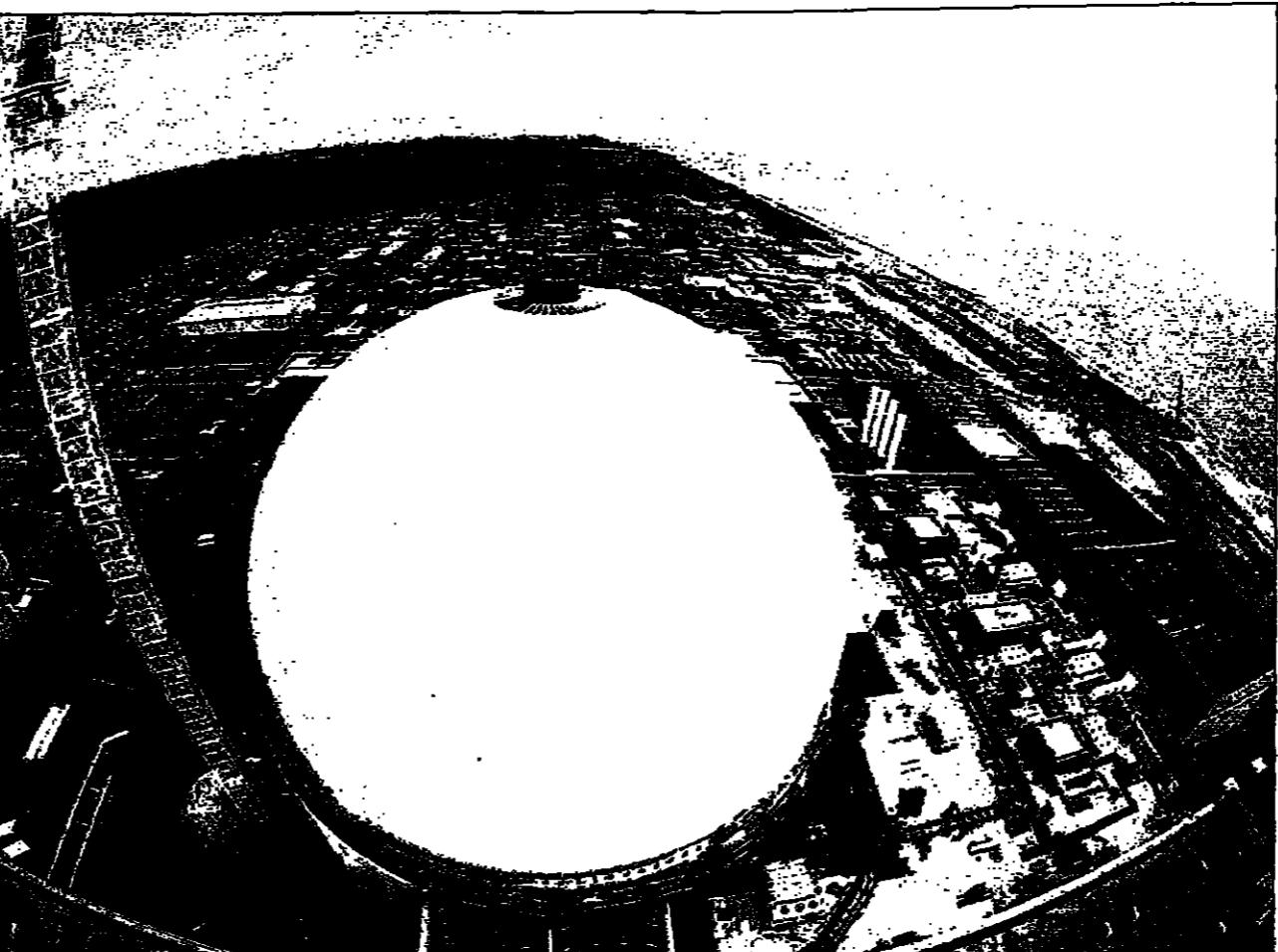
The Government's advertising campaign for the British Energy sale, the last big privatisation before the general election, began last month with the slogan "A final burst of energy".

Private investors, who are being offered 30 per cent of the company, have a choice of either a discount of 10p per share on the second instalment on the first 1,200 shares allocated and held continuously until the second instalment is paid, or a share bonus.

That involves investors being allocated a one for 15 share bonus on the first 1,800 shares allocated and held continuously until July 31, 1999.

If there is heavy demand, private investors applying via share shops will have preference. Share dealing is expected to begin in mid-July.

The prospectus is also expected to show that the directors of British Energy have agreed not to set up any share option schemes for 12 months after privatisation. This should help to avoid "fat cat" accusations.



British Energy's eight nuclear power stations, which include Sizewell B, generate about 18 per cent of UK electricity

Water battle coming to the boil

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE battle for Southern Water will intensify this week when ScottishPower renews its bid with an offer that is expected to be worth about £1.66 billion.

ScottishPower's initial offer of £1.56 billion bid was overtaken by a £1.6 billion offer by Southern Electric, which was recommended by the board of Southern Water.

Southern Electric is expect-

ed to publish its offer document on Thursday, setting the bid clock ticking. ScottishPower will make its move shortly after.

At the heart of the battle between the bidders will be claims over the level of cost savings that can be achieved after a takeover of Southern Water.

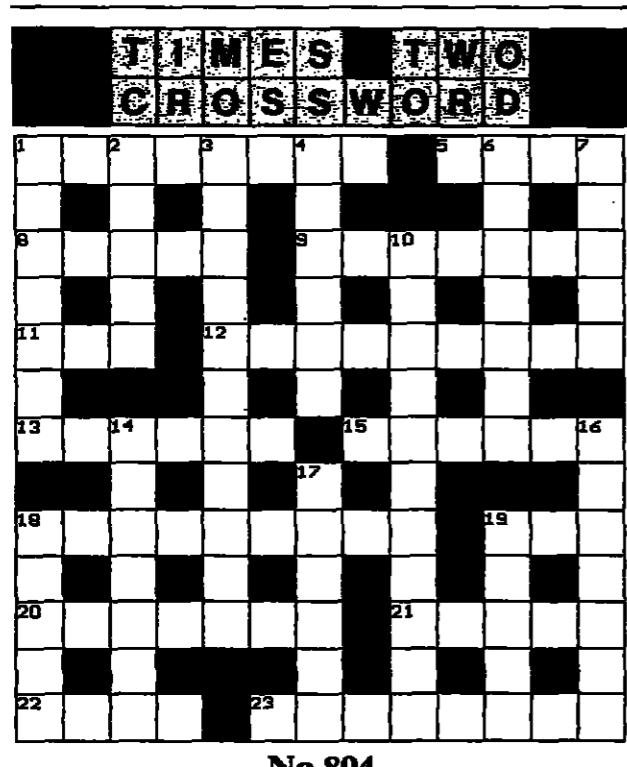
Southern Electric is thought

likely to say that it can achieve annual cost savings of up to £45 million, while Southern Electric will pitch savings of £50 million a year.

ScottishPower has written to all shareholders of Southern Water, and is likely to emphasise its case on customer benefits and jobs. It has offered price cuts of 3 per cent to Southern Water customers from 1998, two years ahead of the next regulatory review.

Southern Electric has been silent so far about price cuts for water customers.

ScottishPower also hopes to use Southern Water's customer base to gain a share of the gas and electricity market in Sussex and Kent when deregulation is introduced. A trial in the South West to open the gas market to independent suppliers is to be extended to the South and South East.



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- 3 Unmissable target (7,4)
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- 6 Abstracted state; musical form (5)
- 7 Assembly (3,8)
- 8 Busily active (2,3,2)
- 9 Widespread killing (7)
- 10 Security detachment (6)
- 11 Security detachment (6)
- 12 Dying coal; type of goose (5)
- 13 Cathedral clergyman; musical form (5)

Boots to get £50m as WH Smith quits DIY

By OUR CITY STAFF



Cockburn: wide review

WH SMITH is ready to pay Boots up to £50 million to extricate itself from Do It All, the struggling do-it-yourself retail chain that is jointly owned by the two companies.

The agreement will be announced on Wednesday as part of a comprehensive review of Smith's businesses, launched four months ago by Bill Cockburn, the company's new chief executive.

WH Smith will effectively give Boots its 50 per cent interest in Do It All, with a cash payment of about £50 million to cover any branch closures that are likely to follow once Boots takes full control. Up to a third of Do It All's 195 outlets may be closed.

The agreement will bring to

business as a result of the housing market slump forced Boots and WH Smith to merge their DIY chains to save costs and remain competitive with B&Q and Homebase, the rival chains.

Mr Cockburn's review of WH Smith will also herald the closure of the company's head office in London. A streamlined head office is to be established in Swindon, Wiltshire. In April, WH Smith sold its business supplies operation, trading as Niceday, to Gilvert, of France, for £142 million in cash.

The disposal of Do It All will leave WH Smith free to concentrate on restoring growth at its core retailing outlets. In 1994-5, profits from the high street shops fell 16 per cent to £65 million.

Court to settle £3m shares dispute

Dockers sue KPMG

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

KPMG, the accountant, is being sued for more than £3 million by former employees of Medway Ports for alleged negligence in assessing the value of company shares they were forced to sell in 1993.

Des Crampton, former operations director of Medway Ports, said yesterday that the plaintiffs' case will be based on KPMG's valuation of Medway shares in the spring of 1993 as worth £2.50 each.

Shortly after the employees sold their shares, Medway Ports was sold in September that year to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company for £38 per share.

Mr Crampton, who is now operations director at the Tees

and Hartlepool port authority, said he had left Medway after a disagreement about the dockworkers' contracts.

Mr Crampton said that the plaintiffs, who will be led by Ian Crawford, QC, would call an expert witness from the accountant Ernst & Young, who would contend that the minimum valuation of the Medway shares should have been between £15 and £17. The plaintiffs will ask for KPMG to make up the difference between £2.50 and £15-£17, a total of £3 million to £4 million.

Mr Crampton held 45,000 shares while dockworkers held up to 5,000 shares each.



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WHALES are at greater risk from pollution and the decline in the ozone layer than the commercial whaling industry, according to the International Whaling Commission. Peter Bridgewater, chairman, said: "There is enough circumstantial evidence to suggest that the effects from pollution on whale populations are as bad as those from Antarctic ozone depletion."

Arab leaders have said in unison that they would be ready to map out a peace deal with Israel if the US-led coalition attacks Iraq.

Any peace deal must be based on the basis of the rights of the people or go back to the men and women who have been treated real losers of the region to the point of violence and terrorism," issued by the Arab League.

Arab leaders are alarmed by Mr Bush's refusal to consider giving up arms.

An Arab world, led by Saudi Arabia, has been split over whether to support the US-led coalition against Iraq.

Lebanon's Prime Minister Rafik Hariri has called for a "no" vote in the UN Security Council.

Announcing the summit would be a "coup" for Cairo from June 2.

Three leaders said they would withdraw from areas, including

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King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit of Thailand preside over a parade marking his Golden Jubilee yesterday

Thais open cell doors for jubilee

FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND
IN BANGKOK

THE gates of jails all over Thailand were thrown open yesterday for the first of 26,000 prisoners to be released in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of King Bhumibol. However, Britons convicted of drug trafficking will not be among them.

King Bhumibol, 68, the world's longest-reigning living monarch, celebrated his 50th anniversary on the throne yesterday with traditional pomp. Gilded royal barges propelled by oarsmen delighted spectators along the Chao Phraya river.

At Klong Prem prison here, about 290 Thais and three foreigners were released. In Lard Yao women's prison near by, Sandra Gregory, 32, and Patricia Fury Hussain, 34, jailed for 25 years and 30 years respectively for heroin trafficking, have yet to be told if their sentences will be reduced. Miss Gregory is hoping for a transfer to a British prison next year.

Israel is warned of war risks as Arab states call summit

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

SYRIA. Egypt and Saudi Arabia have said that any shifts by Israel's new right-wing leadership away from the peace process could plunge the region into another war.

The leaders of the three states said an Arab summit would be held this month to map out a strategy to deal with Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister-elect. The announcement came at the end of a meeting in Damascus between President Assad of Syria, President Mubarak of Egypt and Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia.

"Any retraction by Israel on the basis of the peace process or going back on its commitments and pledges that have been reached... represents a real threat of returning the region to the cycle of tension and violence," the statement issued by the meeting said.

Arab leaders have been alarmed by Mr Netanyahu's refusal to commit himself to giving up any more land to the Arab world in exchange for peace. Last week Mr Netanyahu ruled out any withdrawal from the Golan Heights captured from Syria during the 1967 war and later annexed by the Jewish state.

Announcing that the Arab summit would be held in Cairo from June 21 to 23, the three leaders said peace could be achieved only if Israel withdrew from all occupied areas, including the Golan

Heights, southern Lebanon, the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Another condition for peace was the establishment of a Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital.

The summit announcement was welcomed by Yasser Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman. Earlier, a joint meeting of Palestinian Authority ministers and members of the PLO executive in Gaza City said any policy statement by the incoming Israeli Government denying a Palestinian state, refusing a Palestinian state in Jerusalem and rejecting a withdrawal from the Golan Heights would amount to a declaration of war.

The PLO, Jordan and Lebanon accepted invitations to join the summit. King Hussein of Jordan signalled that he would adopt a more moderate line when he said he was con-

Pioneer of China's rights struggle released from jail

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

REN WANDING, known to Chinese as "the father of China's human rights movement", was released from prison yesterday after completing a seven-year sentence for "counter-revolution" imposed after Tiananmen.

His wife, Zhang Fengying, has issued conflicting statements about his whereabouts. She said initially that he had been taken to the northeastern city of Dalian by police, but later, in a telephone interview with Hong Kong, she said he had gone "voluntarily for a rest". Her second statement is likely to be the result of police pressure.

Mr Ren, a veteran dissident, was sentenced in 1979 to four years in prison for his role as a close associate of Wei Jing-sheng, at Peking's Democracy Wall. Mr Wei was sentenced to 15 years and last year, after a brief spell of liberty, was sentenced again to 14 more.

In 1988, the year before the Tiananmen uprising began, Mr Ren wrote in *The New York Times* that Chinese intellectuals should demand freedom for political prisoners. During Tiananmen he continued this demand and also called for political reforms to accompany those in the economy.

In another development, Hamas (the Islamic Resistance Movement) called on Arab leaders to help the Palestinian "popular resistance" against Israel until Arab states reach military parity with the Jewish state.

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particular criticism from Chen Xitong, Peking's Mayor, as being substantially responsible for what happened in Tiananmen.

Mr Chen, who was later elevated to the Politburo, is now under house arrest over charges of embezzling more than \$35 million (£22.5 million).

During his second sentence Mr Ren's health deteriorated and for long periods he was handcuffed during limited medical treatment.

Last night the fate of Bao Tong, China's highest-ranking political prisoner until his release from a seven years' confinement on May 27, remained unclear.

A Central Committee member, secretary to the Politburo Standing Committee, and chief aide to Zhao Ziyang, party general secretary until May 1989. Mr Bao was accused of "counter-revolutionary incitement" and "leaking state secrets" to the demonstrators.

His detention was connected to the disgrace and house arrest of Mr Zhao, who remains under close surveillance, and it is assumed that Mr Bao's continuing isolation in a Peking suburb is because he has much to reveal about the split inside the party in May 1989.

Mr Zhao was publicly urging leniency for the students while Deng Xiaoping, senior leader, and Li Peng, the Prime Minister, favoured the eventual violent suppression.

Pollution 'more harmful to whales than hunting'

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

WHALES are at greater risk from pollution and the hole in the ozone layer than they are from commercial whaling, according to the International Whaling Commission.

Peter Bridgewater, the commission chairman, said: "There is enough circumstantial evidence to suggest there are effects from pollution on whale populations." He added that ozone depletion over the Antarctic could expose whales to damaging solar radiation which could affect future whale stocks.

According to the Environmental Investigation Agency,

Suu Kyi averts showdown as thousands defy military junta

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN RANGOON



Suu Kyi: toned down speech to supporters

THE pro-democracy leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, took a careful step back last night from a showdown with the military regime, giving a bland, inoffensive speech to supporters to avoid violating draconian new public order laws.

About 5,000 people braved the new decrees, which can land offenders in prison for up to 20 years, to gather outside the gates of Daw Suu Kyi's home for her customary weekend lecture. As on Saturday, when 5,000 people turned out for the first meeting since the

new decrees were imposed, authorities did not interfere, fuelling confusion about whether the regime was being tolerant or delaying a crackdown for a quieter moment.

Before Suu Kyi appeared, the crowd chanted for several minutes, "Long live Aung San Suu Kyi" and "Let the cause for democracy be successful." Daw Suu Kyi, the 1991 Nobel peace prize winner, told them: "You are not gathering here because we speak. This is a gathering of the people, who proved themselves to be very orderly and disciplined."

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Hand on heart

The sky blue coolbox in the corner of the operating theatre marks this as a transplant. It is the kind taken on picnics every summer packed with fizzy wine and smoked salmon. Today it carried a baby's heart.

The patient on the operating table is two and a half. She has just become the 2,000th to receive a heart transplant at Harefield Hospital, Middlesex. A dozen gowned figures led by Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub are clustered round her tiny body with its gaping chest wound, but no one is looking at the patient. All heads are turned to the monitor that records the beating of her hearts. Yes, she has not one, but two.

Last October this girl was given six months to live. Today is her last chance — a piggyback transplant in which a heart taken from a premature baby will be used to boost her own.

The first thing that strikes the visitor is the hush, broken only by the occasional quiet command from Sir Magdi. These are anxious moments. The surgical plumbing is complete and the hearts have been re-started. Now the team must ensure they beat normally using drugs to regulate rhythm and blood pressure. The wildly swinging traces on the monitor

Jeremy Laurance meets Sir Magdi Yacoub as he completes Harefield Hospital's 2,000th heart transplant

screen are scrutinised minutely by a dozen pairs of eyes.

After another hour, Sir Magdi removes his glasses with their binocular attachments and withdraws to talk to the parents, while his assistants complete the tidying up.

It is 8.30 on a Saturday night and he has a private patient to see before he can go home. I and *The Times* photographer have been granted a rare ten-minute audience with the father of heart transplant surgery in Britain.

This should be a moment for celebration. 16 years after the heart transplant programme began in earnest in Britain, yet the mood is subdued. It will be many hours before the patient is out of danger and a month before the team can claim the operation as a success.

Sir Magdi knows the risks and tragedy always threatens — as events prove.

Sir Magdi performed his first heart transplant at Harefield in January 1980 only weeks after Sir Terence English, who retired last year, had performed the first

Hospital, Cambridgeshire. The rivalry between the two, though never publicly acknowledged, was sharpened by their different styles: the patrician Sir Terence with his fondness for family walks contrasted with the missionary Sir Magdi, who seemed truly fulfilled only in the operating theatre.

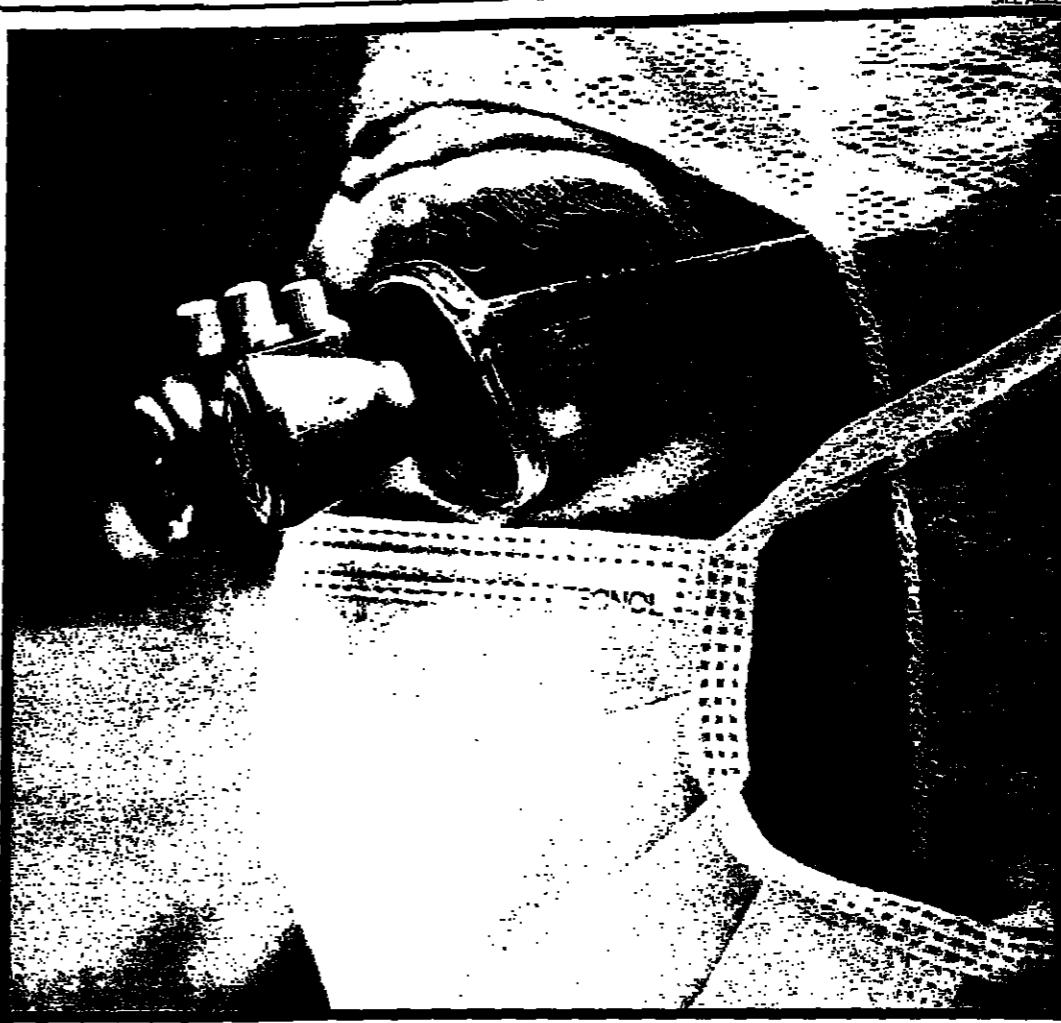
erately. "To me it is an operation designed to improve a patient. I don't see it as an operation with a mystique."

The shortage of donors is a constant problem and Harefield has cut back its transplant programme for hearts and lungs from a peak of 202 operations in 1989 to 133 last year. However, developments in animal transplants and mechanical hearts could, if successful, multiply those figures many times. Sir Magdi believes xenotransplantation — using animal organs — is the future.

"I think it will work but we are not there yet. I am extremely sensitive to the needs of animals but I think it is hypocrisy to criticise people for using them in this way when we eat them."

He has just turned 60 but retirement is not something he has thought about. He enjoys his Lamborghini and grows orchids. He lives with his German wife, Marianne, and has three children in their twenties.

Next morning, callers are told that the little girl has died "unexpectedly" in the night, eight hours after surgery was completed. Six months of waiting and hoping have ended in tragedy. For all its technological brilliance, transplanting the human heart will never be without risk.



Sir Magdi Yacoub maintains concentration on the intricate task before him in the operating theatre

successful transplant at Papworth

Proposing his head on his hand, Sir Magdi answers slowly and delib-

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Creation of a fiery flashback

PHYSICISTS at the European Centre for Particle Physics in Geneva (CERN) believe that they have reproduced the fireball present in the universe ten millionths of a second after the Big Bang.

By bombarding a lead target with atoms of lead stripped of their electrons and accelerated to close to the speed of light, they have produced, for a brief instant, a soup of elementary particles a billion times hotter than the surface of the Sun that existed then.

The team use the super proton synchrotron at CERN to collide the heavy nuclei together, and then detect what emerges.

All matter is believed to consist of quarks, fundamental building blocks which cannot normally be observed on their own because they are bound together by the so-called strong nuclear force.

But in the extreme conditions achieved in these experiments, the strong force is expected to weaken, creating a mixture of quarks and gluons, the particles responsible for the strong force.

The tell-tale evidence that



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Nigel Hawkes

such a quark-gluon plasma has been produced, says Dr David Evans from Birmingham University, is the production of an excess amount of the class of quarks known as "strange".

Normally when gluons collide they produce only the two lightest quarks: but under the circumstances more of the heavier strange quarks are produced.

They can be spotted because they bind together to create exotic particles called lambdas and omegas that survive for long enough to be detected.

In earlier experiments using sulphur ions and a tungsten target, Dr Evans says, the production of strange particles was increased by a factor of two. The more recent experiments with lead show even greater increases.

As well as confirming current physical theories, the findings could have implications for cosmology.

Understanding exactly what happened at such an early moment in the history of the universe could help to explain its later evolution.

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Russian family values: (left to right) Naina Yeltsin called in the cameras while Raisa Gorbachev kept quiet; the Lebeds and the Zhirinovskys play to the media but Gennadi Zyuganov refuses to use his wife and daughter as political tools

Kremlin wives open the curtains

Moscow's presidential hopefuls are waking up to the idea that their wives may help them to create a winning image, says Richard Beeston

When the reclusive and homely Naina Yeltsin appeared on Russian television screens chattering candidly about life in the President's household, a small piece of Russian history was in the making.

As she recounted how she personally ironed his suit every evening — helping herself to whatever money she found in his pockets — and revealed how the insomniac President loved to do noisy DIY in the early hours of the morning, Mrs Yeltsin was changing the face of Russian politics.

Not only had she helped to restore a human quality to a leader who had lost touch with his people, but she also set a new trend which other Russian politicians have been quick to copy. No longer would voters be satisfied with grey men in grey suits making tiresome speeches; the press had been invited into the family home, and the public's appetite was whetted.

Irina Zaitseva, the popular Russian television news reporter who interviewed Mrs Yeltsin, recalls that at the time she had given little thought to the impact of her programme. "I had just asked casually for an interview because I met Naina. We got on well and I thought she would make a good story," she says. "I was not expecting the extraordinary interest that it generated."

In the following weeks candidates' wives, with the backing of their husbands, were practically queuing up to let the cameras into their living rooms. For many television viewers, the Sunday evening current affairs programme, *Itogi*, became compulsive viewing as one after another of Russia's presidential hopefuls allowed the public a glimpse into their homes.

Never one to miss a chance for free publicity, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist leader, used the appearance of his wife Galina to try to

undo the very low opinion most women have of him. Although in the past he has boasted of taking part in group sex and was once filmed beating a woman deputy during a parliamentary punch-up, at home his wife made him out to be a model husband. Mrs Zhirinovsky revealed that the anti-Western firebrand, who bottles his own brand of vodka, does not drink alcohol, does not like loud music and spends most of his time reading, drinking fruit juice and

Larissa Vasilieva, the author of *Kremlin Wives*, a history of the women behind the Soviet leaders, says that the flurry of interest in the family life of today's politicians would have been unthinkable during the 70 years of communist rule.

Kremlin bosses went to such great lengths to keep their personal lives private that when Viktoriya Brezhnev, the wife of the former Soviet leader, died nobody knew anything about her, even though her husband had been the ruler of a superpower for 18 years.

"The Soviet tradition was to keep the wives in the kitchen or in prison," says the writer. "Now we have become like America. Every tiny detail has to be on public view."

Nevertheless, not everyone is joining in the "first lady mania" with enthusiasm. Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader and presidential hopeful, has effectively forbidden his wife Nadezhda to give any interviews and considers it an intrusion of his privacy.

"This is not the tradition in Russia," he said, when asked recently why his wife, an engineer in a watch factory, had not shared her views with the public. "We are not a Western country. I think that only one person in the family should be involved in politics."

Surprisingly, his opinion seems to be shared by his ideological opponent, Mikhail Gorbachev. Although the former Soviet leader pioneered glasnost during his reforms and allowed his wife Raisa to emerge from the shadows of the Kremlin, the experiment backfired. Many attribute his current unpopularity in part to Raisa's high-handed manner and love of expensive Western clothes. She has remained mute during the election campaign, breaking her silence only once to announce that she had given away her designer dresses.

Even Grigori Yavlinsky, the last authentic liberal candidate in the presidential race, who moulds himself very much on a Western politician, has deliberately kept his wife out of the campaign. "What we are witnessing today in Russia is politicians using very cheap gimmicks to improve their standing," he said. "My wife and I decided several years ago that we would not use the family as a political tool. I work in politics, but my family life is private."

Perhaps today's Russian politicians simply learnt from their monarchist predecessors that involving wives in politi-



Natalia and Vladimir Bratsalov, the millionaire businessman and presidential hopeful, with their children: Natalia boasted of his sexual prowess

cal life can be a two-edged sword. The 18th century in Russia was dominated by Catherine the Great, a powerful and popular empress who ousted her spouse and ruled for more than three decades.

A century later, however, Tsarina Alexandra, wife of Nicholas II, was a clear liability for the Royal Family. Her German ancestry and her liaisons with Rasputin, the Siberian monk and court mystic, became a public scandal and ultimately contributed to the downfall of the Romanov dynasty in the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

The Communists took no chances and made sure their wives were kept firmly out of the spotlight. Nadezhda Lenin, while a loyal wife and party activist, had almost no public profile. As for Nadezhda Alliluyeva, Stalin's child bride and second wife, mystery still surrounds the details of her suspicious suicide.

Now that history appears to be turning full circle, Mrs Vasilieva believes it will be more entertaining for the public, but not necessarily beneficial for Russia's leaders.

"I am not sure that today's leaders quite understand what they have let themselves in for," she says, warning of the consequences of the type of press scrutiny applied in Britain to politicians and the Royal Family. "Politics here will never be the same again."

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Day One of a new series: Bel Mooney on the importance of family values; Magnus

FAMILY LIFE

Personally speaking

The family, we are told, is in crisis. But this week in The Times top writers talk frankly about the ups and downs of family life and conclude there is also much to celebrate

Why we have to treasure our family life

No sooner does the Leader of the Opposition "admit" he has occasionally smacked his children than pundits immediately wonder if this heralds the end of civilised family life, as Claire Rayner has come to define it, or (on the other hand) a sensible return to basics.

There are protests from people who defend the rights of the child at all cost, yet fail to define as one of those rights the protection of children from themselves and their peers. Fuss, fuss, fuss. Of course, all Mr Blair's shocking confession did was to remind us that most sensible parents sometimes sensibly chastise their naughty offspring, as a part of normal domestic life.

Why, the only difference between me and Tony Blair is that I feel not a shred of "remorse", and I would call myself a good parent and a family person, just like him.

But what does that mean?

An invaluable American book of themed quotations, published in 1977, introduces "Family" thus:

"The institution of the family is inseparable from the marriage rite and all that it entails; the relation of husband and wife results from marriage and is fundamental to the institution of the family; the parental care and direction of children, as well as filial respect and obedience, are aspects of domestic government..."

Outed platitudes, or nuggets of wisdom? Despite the narrowness, the key words are there to be extracted: "rite", "entails", "institution", "respect", "obedience", "care", "direction" and "government". Solemn terms yet you cannot separate any discussion of family (however you define it) from an acknowledgement of the sober responsibility inherent within such language.

Nothing changes.

Communism sought to destroy the ideal of the family, like the idea of God – and failed on both counts. Families ran to each other when the Berlin Wall came down.

Like it or not, the family is the bedrock. Aristotle described the tribe or village growing out of an association of families. Rousseau held the traditional human family to be "the most ancient of all societies and the only one which is natural". Freud said of the

COMPANIONSHIP AND CONTINUITY



Bel Mooney with daughter, Kitty. "I believe in the family"

family that "philosophers and politicians have agreed that the bonding together in family groups is both instinctive and necessary to human welfare – and therefore essential to the health of a society. The family is the microcosm".

Until, perhaps, our lifetime. In 1982, Pope John Paul made his first visit to this country and attempted to raise a bulwark against chaos: "Treat your families," he said, "the future of humanity passes by way of the family."

Once again, there was protest from the liberal Left, just as in the Sixties. Then, fashionable gurus such as R.D. Laing identified family life with mental breakdown. At the same time, right-wing political rhetoric invoked a golden age of "Victorian values" – as if the stiffness, hypocrisy and squalor of Victorian family life was a novelist's invention.

For many children, family life means pain, indifference, or bullying. For them, the grand sentiments are irrelevant – and insulting. Why should you honour your father and mother if they are rotten specimens who don't care about you?

But it is precisely because family life falls short of perfection that the ideal of family life should still be clung to. Is clung to. No amount of statistics about young people choosing to stay single will convince me that the overwhelming majority of people would not want companionship and continuity, as well as the mutual responsibility of living in a mini-community, which is family life.

You may pour scorn – but it will not stop the single mother, alone in the evening with her child asleep, from thinking wistfully that it would be good if someone loving were there to have a laugh with. And, most important, to share duties.

Nor should it. It is easy to let "reality" blind us to the possible. Family life is not perfect, except for a minority. But it is better than loneliness.

And if you bother to visit your grandfather, or go to the school play when you'd rather go to the pub, if you worry

simply because your partner worries... then what you are doing is celebrating family life. At its heart is a giving, a willingness to put self last. At its centre is neither marriage nor gender, but rules – accepting a long-term duty which will not always be easy.

So yes, we do treasure the family... and why? To keep the dark at bay. To feel as you grow old this person (or people) you love will still be there, accepting you and gladly receiving all you have left to give. When I was in my twenties I understood Bathsheba in *Far From the Madding Crowd*, when she rejected the proposal of Gabriel Oak: "And home by the fire, whenever you look up, there I shall be – and whenever I look up, there will be you." Sergeant Troy, free and irresponsible, seemed much more active.

But now Gabriel Oak's need is my need, and I find myself surprised at how its realism actually unites morality with – yes – romance. It is that need that draws us to nest in rows, separated by thin walls, hoping to be tolerated and loved forever – and to go on reproducing ourselves in family patterns, handing on some misery (perhaps), but untold happiness too.

As Tolstoy knew from his own experience, the varieties of human anguish and cruelty far outnumber the inventory of happiness: joy is quiet and lives in one place, but misery lives noisily down all the corridors of the world.

For many children, family life means pain, indifference, or

bullying. For them, the grand

sentiments are irrelevant –

and insulting. Why should

you honour your father and

mother if they are rotten

specimens who don't care

about you?

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Echoes of a simpler age: for many thousands of children growing up in the Fifties, life was cosier and more secure

A story with a happy ending

THE IMPORTANCE OF TALKING TO YOUR CHILDREN



A cunning pupil could easily remove himself from school with a trail of vague messages

from school without compa-

nions to play laser battle

games, and falls into a state of

fear and depression so ex-

treme that he eventually gets

off a train at night and alone,

and runs away through bleak

Norfolk lanes. Because of a

temporary recent estrange-

ment between the parents, his

absence is not reported for 24

hours. In the resulting horror

and panic, Alice tries to help

the police.

There were questions

about adult friends, male

adult friends, confidants. Al-

ice wavered, realising with a

shock how little she knew of

his life compared to the total

knowledge she would have

had two or three years earlier.

She had not realised how

Jamie's occupations had

broadened, moved away from

her with his move into sec-

ondary school. She had not seen

how much of his time was his

own. Until she went to the

kitchen drawer to check, she

could not remember the name

of the Scout leader who had

taken him to camp.

"She could not remember

whether it was LaserQuest or

BattleZone that he favoured.

She became aware of sound-

ing like a woman who knew

little about her child and

cared less, at least until a cri-

sis broke. She felt herself iden-

tified by these questioners with

some fearless dragger mother

in a news story, swearing

that her boy never done

nothing like mug an old lady

... but children these days,

they wanted to cry out, their

lives are their own, this is

London..."

Could it happen? Could

decent parents take their eye

off the ball so disastrously?

Unwilling to wring the read-

er's withers with too improba-

ble a melodrama, I engaged

in much conversational re-

search. Unequivocally, espe-

cially from big-city parents,

the answer came back that

they could, easily. Sec-

ondary teachers confirmed

that a cunning second or

third-year pupil could easily

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the paperback of 1996 is out today

Linklater on living through his son's mental torment; **Libby Purves** on staying in touch

A zebra among the horses

THE TROUBLED SON

Occasionally you read a book with a shock of recognition. Kay Jamison's *An Unquiet Mind*, subtitled "A memoir of moods and madness", is an account of the author's manic depressive illness, a painful description of the unwon war she has fought since she was a teenager against this most unfortunate of afflictions.

It is a war that has been part of our family life, too, for the past ten years: our middle son, Saul, was diagnosed at the age of 15 as suffering from manic depression and he has been grappling with it ever since. He is now 25.

No one who has lived with the rollercoaster experience of a disorder that affects one in a hundred people, but is still barely half-understood by the medical profession, can fail to be moved by Dr Jamison's story. It has attracted rave reviews — Anthony Clare compared it to R.D. Laing's classic work *The Divided Self* — not just because it is unflinchingly honest, but because the writer herself is a clinical psychologist; she is, at the same time, expert and victim.

For me, the book carried the extra ingredient of familiarity. Dr Jamison described how, as a senior in high school, she began to go "high", to taste for the first time the elation and terror that go with the manic stage of the illness, before plunging into the abyss when, with "a dead heart and a brain as cold as clay" she became depressive, barely able to function.

I knew what she meant. Like her, Saul was a star pupil at school: he tried everything, succeeded at most, played games, acted, painted, and sculpted, made friends as a duck takes to water and lived to the full. Like her he was struck down, out of the blue, when he was a teenager (though two years younger than her when it happened).

With him the depression came first: we watched him one half-term, struggling with a school project, gradually slowing down to the point where the pen would no longer move across the paper and the body froze into immobility. We sat with him through long tearful nights until the mood swung upwards, and inaction was replaced by hyperactivity.

Just as Dr Jamison talked of "racing about like a crazed weasel", so Saul was suddenly on the move: impatient and irritable, elated and agitated at the same time, ranging



MICHAEL POWELL

In Saul Linklater's manic phases, says his father Magnus, his body absorbs heavy doses of medication, and electro-convulsive therapy has frequently been a lifesaver

through the streets, playing music at impossible volumes, finally disappearing late one evening, we knew not where. Eventually, in the middle of the night, the telephone rang and we collected him from the police station at King's Cross, north London, after what was euphemistically called "a disturbance" involving a broken window and a string of abuse. It was the first of many such encounters.

Thus began Saul's long journey through what Dr Jamison calls "the fascinating and dangerous territory" of manic depression. We had, and still have, no means of knowing its cause. The phrase "chemical imbalance" cropped up frequently; we learnt that it had to do with some chromosomal flaw; it has a genetic component.

We searched back in our family histories to find relatives who might also have suffered from the illness and discovered an aunt who had been treated by the pioneer psychiatrist William Sargent, as well as a grandmother who, it seems, was periodically taken into hospital suffering from "turns", and a second cousin with the same symptoms. In Dr Jamison's case it turned out to be her father, whom she had idolised but who had fallen victim to violent mood-swings from heights of creativity to depths of rage and despair.

To begin with, finding the right treatment for Saul seemed a matter of trial and error — to an extent it still does. Unlike Dr Jamison, who found a combination of lithium and psychotherapy was enough to control her wilder flights of behaviour, Saul has needed more. In the manic

phase, his body absorbs heavy doses of medication — antidepressants and mood-stabilising drugs in addition to lithium. Occasionally he has needed electro-convulsive therapy, a much-criticised treatment which in his case has frequently been a lifesaver.

Conventional therapy has rarely helped; when high, he is too impatient to accept it; when depressed it cannot reach him. Tobacco has become a way of life. Never have I seen so many cigarettes smoked as in the wards of the mental hospitals we have come to know: without them life for most of the patients would be unimaginable.

Saul himself has learnt to recognise almost as well as any doctor the different phases of his own

illness, and to predict the shifts in mood which signal the onset of one extreme or the other. But that has not always been enough to prevent their onset. Like Dr Jamison, he has grown to dread the depressive stage far more than the manic.

For the rest of us, it can be the other way round. To live with someone who is experiencing the intensity and drive of hypomania is an exhausting experience. At these times, Saul needs little sleep, lots of company and maximum stimulation. Attention span is minimal, money is spent like water. Dr Jamison recalls episodes when she went round shops going through credit cards and bank balances as if there were no tomorrow, and Saul, too, buys on impulse whether or not there is money to be spent.

Throughout the many years of peaks and troughs, and despite the heavy medication, Saul has never lost his essential charm and natural wit. But behaviour which to him seems merely routine can strike the rest of the world as extravagant and, frequently, dangerous.

As Dr Jamison describes it: "The fast ideas are too fast, and there are far too many; overwhelming confusion replaces clarity. Memory goes. Humour and absorption on friends' faces are replaced by fear and concern ... you are irritable, angry, frightened, uncontrollable and enmeshed totally in the blackest caves of the mind." Saul puts it more succinctly: "It is mental torment, hell on earth."

He would find it hard to agree with what is perhaps Kay Jamison's most unexpected conclusion — that given the choice

between a conventional life and a life with manic depression, she would choose the latter. Provided she had access to lithium she would opt for the heights and depths of emotion she has experienced rather than the humdrum of what the rest of us call a normal existence. "I have run faster, thought faster, and loved faster than most I know," she writes. "And I think much of that is related to my illness ... It has made me test the limits of my mind."

Saul puts it differently: "Manic depression is a terrible illness that takes over and changes your life. It means pain and hell. You experience things that you would rather not experience at all. Looking back, it's certainly true that you gain insights which you would never otherwise have gained. But offered the choice, I would have preferred to do without them. I would opt for

"I have come to realise that manic depression is only a high-pitched version of what the rest of us call normality"

a normal life nine times out of ten."

As for me, I have come to realise at least one important thing: that manic depression is only a high-pitched version of what the rest of us call normality. It is no good asking — as we did so often to begin with — what happened to the "real" Saul, what he might have been like without the illness, whether it has smothered his personality, or exaggerated it beyond recognition. The real Saul is here and now. Nothing that drugs or ECT or incarceration in hospital can do has extinguished the true personality underneath.

In some ways the son we have come to know and love is, as Kay Jamison puts it, "a zebra among the horses", a remarkable and admirable young man who has been through more, suffered more than most of us will ever do in a lifetime. And yet who has survived, incredibly, to be a delight to us, and a source of endless pride.

• *An Unquiet Mind* by Kay Jamison, Picador, £15.99.

MAGNUS LINKLATER

...but reality is harder

register in the morning and attend a couple of classes before removing himself with a trail of vague and misleading messages through classmates about music exams or dental appointments. He would not be too strenuously pursued.

Parents were (Jack Straw will be glad to hear) adamant that 12-year-olds should not be out in the evening alone, but were far more vague about the daytime. One said frankly: "You spend the first 11 years driving them everywhere and organising their judo classes and guarding them from perverses lurking round every corner. So when they start to look big and competent, you sort of want your life back."

Also, she added, it is good for children to have some independence. And so it is. But Jamie could have built himself a whole world of acquaintances during those lost days down at the laser-game centres with the unemployed and disaffected young men who play there. Frankly, it was only my soft heart and romantic imagination which let him run away into the comparative safety of Norfolk, and indeed find the whole family's salvation there. It could have ended up as a very nasty tale indeed.

In the last analysis, though, what came out of all these anguished parental conversations was that the real mistake Alice and Daniel made was not that they failed to police every moment of their growing adolescent's daily world. For heaven's sake, who could?

Their real mistake was in allowing themselves to lose touch with his inner life. If you have a child who manifests unhappiness not by disruption, but by a bland apathetic doodle, this is easy enough to do. Dangerous, though. "The safety of young teenagers," said one father,



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Jamie "gets off a train, at night and alone, and runs away"

who is also a psychiatrist, "lies every bit as much in how they feel as in where they go. A happy, confident, well-supported child is actually in far less danger — from drugs, drink, crime, seduction, everything except violence, which is much rarer. Even violence is something a well-supported child is more likely to see coming and be sensible about."

That family confidence, however, depends not on formal "quality time" interviews but in a constant snappy flow of remarks and conversations. As school runs decrease and children get around independently, the opportunities for these chance moments of

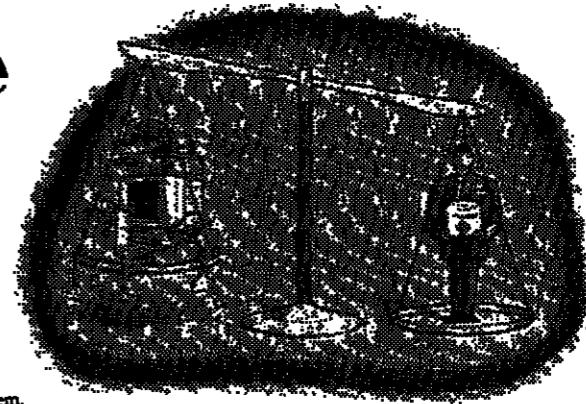
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■ THEATRE
Dame Maggie Smith stars as Alan Bennett's *Talking Heads* comes to Chichester
OPENS: Tonight
REVIEW: Wednesday



■ OPERA
The Verdi Festival opens at Covent Garden with Luc Bondy's staging of *Don Carlos*
FIRST NIGHT: Tomorrow
REVIEW: Thursday



■ BOOKS
Mario Vargas Llosa evokes a Peru of bandits and poverty in his new *Death in the Andes*
IN THE SHOPS: Now
REVIEW: Thursday

If this film dies, the butler did it

Martyn Palmer discovers why Sting, no stranger to celluloid failure, is proud to call *The Grotesque* his own

The rock star who steps out as an actor has, traditionally, been tantamount to a First World War squaddie sticking his head up above the trenches and poking his tongue at the enemy. Sting, who has chosen to face the critics' sniping more than most, knows this only too well. But this time, he is prepared to accept full responsibility for his actions.

After all, *The Grotesque*, which is his tenth film, is a family affair — it was produced by his wife, Trudie Styler. They called up a few friends, who worked for virtually nothing, and got the whole project on to the screen for just \$3 million.

"We were in charge and, unlike some other films where actors simply aren't to blame, we are," Sting says. "And I like that because I've been in crap films and got the blame and it's been nothing to do with me, so this time I'm quite proud to own up."

"As far as I'm concerned it's already been a success. It was great fun to do and everything else is the icing on the cake. You don't get any awards for making a film on a small budget, but it is an achievement. It's a very dark English film, an art house picture that some people might like and others might wonder what the hell it is, but that is the kind of film I want to make."

Shot over six weeks on location in Norfolk a year ago, *The Grotesque* is described by its adapter, Patrick McGrath (who adapted his own 1988 novel into the screenplay), as a "comedy of errors and a rattling good yarn". Set in 1949, it features Sting as an enigmatic butler, Fledge, who arrives with his wife (Styler) at the crumbling seat of

eccentric aristocrat Sir Hugo Coal (Alan Bates) and proceeds to create havoc as a villainous cuckoo in the nest.

"A friend of mine was the agent for the book, which I'd read and, thought I'd make a very good Fledge," Sting says. "I could see that because Fledge doesn't say much, he just sort of emotes with a lot of menace."

Then Trudie got involved as a

fact that I wasn't paid is neither here nor there. The gay scene was interesting. I'd never kissed a man before, and nor had Steven, so we did it in one take and tried to make it passionate and real. And, you know, I've kissed uglier women in my time..."

Sting's film career began with 1979's *Quadrophenia* and he has consistently returned to cinema work with a mixed bag of offerings including *Plenty* with Meryl Streep, *Stormy Monday*, *The Bride, Dune* and Dennis Potter's *Brimstone and Treacle*, in which he played a sinister young man who worms his way into the home of a writer and his family.

"Fledge is very similar to the character I played in *Brimstone*; in fact, he is almost a grown-up version. He falls in love with the idea of himself as a gentleman owning the manor and everything that goes with it. He wants the wife, the house, and the land and will do almost anything to get it. That kind of obsession interests me.

"I don't know how much of me there is in these characters. I do sympathise with characters like Fledge in the sense that I do feel marginalised a lot of the time, and I always have done. Success does tend to marginalise you and people don't treat you in a normal way."

Sting will continue to make films whenever his schedule permits — which is not often — and if the subject interests him. "All the films I've made have been learning experiences," he says. "I've never trained as an actor — maybe I should have. I sort of fell into it by accident."

Films will not, he says, interfere with the day job. Sting is currently producer and she thought that I would be very cheap because I'm married to her. She was right because I got zero money. And although I'm not box office I think having me there gives the film a certain profile.

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■ DANCE

Prepare for take-off: zany tap dancer Tobias Tak entertains the crowds at Stansted airport
OPENS: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday



■ MUSIC

Roberto Alagna duets with his wife, Angela Gheorghiu, at Hampton Court CONCERT: Thursday REVIEW: Saturday



■ FILM

Demi Moore plays the title role in the Mafia courtroom drama *The Juror*
OPENS: Friday
REVIEW: Thursday



Meeting of kindred spirits: Van Morrison performs with Ray Charles at Wembley Arena
GIG: Saturday
REVIEW: Next week

ARTS
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY
IN SECTION 2

FESTIVALS: Tchaikovsky at Glyndebourne; plus new works for Covent Garden and Spitalfields

Brilliant on the night

The Graham Vick production of Tchaikovsky's opera was one of the glories of the first season in Glyndebourne's new theatre in 1994 and, revived by Caroline Sharman, it has returned fresh as paint. Perhaps "black as pitch" is more accurate. Not even the poetic imagery of Richard Hudson's designs — the veils of memory drawn to reveal each scene, the shafts of light and shadow — at once binding and separating the protagonists, those two chairs alone on an empty stage — can soften Vick's pitiless exploration of that most dangerous of countries, the past.

"Happiness was once so near," and the way we are reminded how easily it is thrown away makes this an evening not so much of "lyric scenes" (the composer's official designation in place of "opera") as one of "ghastly memories".

More cheerfully, the cast is substantially the same as two years ago, with Elena Prokina's infinitely touching Tatiana at its centre. As before, she often risks singing on a thread of tone, holding the house breathless, and this throws into sharper relief those few moments when she lets rip at full throttle. Wojciech Drabowicz's Onegin (Byronic of profile) and Martin Thompson's Lensky (sharpening his hairdresser) are both fuller of tone than before, much more confident on stage. The new Olga (Nadja Michael) and Larina (Sarah Connolly) are first-rate.

But what makes this more than faithful, well-crafted revival is the arrival of Gennadi Rozhdestvensky. He is famous for his impatience with rehearsals, preferring to create each performance afresh as a living, breathing entity. There were a few metaphorically raised eyebrows on stage last Friday, when chorus and dancers seemed to be encountering tempos they had not heard before. "What a surprise," sing the walzers at the opening of the second act, as well as they might, but they coped.

But from the very opening, when the first note of the phrase associated with Tatiana is almost too shy to make itself heard, Rozhdestvensky has the ability to make you listen to the music anew, as if it had just been written. This is not only a matter of detail, though the colouring of the trombone tone under the duet for Onegin and Lensky before the duel and the threatening Queen of Spades-like string figuration in the postlude to the Letter Scene make you sit up and take notice.

It is more a matter of intensity: the "in your house" ensemble at Larina's party is taken very steadily, not just lyrically, building inexorably to a terrifying climax. And there is a complete lack of musical hysteria, always such a danger in Tchaikovsky. The final scene, again taken very steadily, tells of two grown-up people coolly aware of what is at stake and stating their cases almost calmly — until, of course, the closing moments, when playing and singing tear your heart out. This is conducting of genius — and next week it may be quite different.

RODNEY MILNES

is the story of Francis, a lame, motherless child who has to seek his own way in life; he is rescued by a fairy who provides him with a sack that will suck in whatever he chooses. His adventures begin, but then the opera starts to go seriously out of focus. The score, for small ensemble, is full of engaging ideas. Even the words come across clearly, but only to reveal the validity of Meredith Oakes's libretto.

Agnes Trepelin's spare, imaginative designs allowed John Abulafia to direct the complicated action with fluid flexibility, but he resorted too readily to sight-gags. The bass-baritone Wyn Pencarrow made moving Francis, and in multiple roles Adey Grummet, Rebecca de Pont Davies and Niall Morris were good.

De Pont Davies had held the stage alone earlier, playing all seven characters in Judith Weir's *The Consolations of Scholarship*. Paul McGrath conducted firm accounts of both scores.

JOHN ALLISON



Confident performances: Martin Thompson's Lensky and Wojciech Drabowicz's Onegin prepare to fight a duel in Graham Vick's glorious Glyndebourne production

A pioneer recalled

BBC Singers/ Holten
Spitalfields

IT IS 20 years since the tragically early death of David Munrow, the great early-music pioneer. His life and work were celebrated at the Spitalfields Festival by the BBC Singers and a small group of Munrow's colleagues.

Dufay was one of the composers with whom he was especially associated, and that connection was recalled in the BBC Singers' performance of the motet *Nuper rosarum flores*. The choir, under the direction of Bo Holten, revealed its structural and expressive glories, as they did that of Gombert's Credo. Although it sets the central

affirmation of the Christian liturgy, the Credo is often the least interesting of the Mass movements. There are plenty of exceptions, of course, and Gombert's piece is one of them: a magnificent, full-textured movement which may have been part of a complete Mass.

The BBC Singers' final contribution was the *Requiem of Pierre de la Rue*. The sombre quality of this dark-hued, eloquent piece was admirably captured by the ensemble.

Receiving its world premiere was *Back to Ground* by Martin Butler. This neo-Baroque doodling for recorder, cello and harpsichord seemed both pointless and inept. John Turner, Jonathan Price and Keith Elcombe were better employed in Gordon Croose's elegiac *Verses in Memoriam David Munrow*. Tenor Martyn Hill was the fine soloist in a curiosity by Ian Kemp. *Carolling*, and in an anonymous 12th-century plaint, commemorating the passing of one sorely missed.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Risky business

Chance Your Arm
Cochrane

IN *Chance Your Arm*, Mecklenburgh Opera's new double bill, "chance" was the operative word. The evening got off to a late start, a 50-minute interval separated two short pieces and unsent performances did little to enhance Mecklenburgh's reputation. The Covent Garden Festival programme advertised two commissions based on versions of the Cinderella story, but in the event Erollyn Wallen's *Look! No Hands!* was announced as being still in the workshop stage and we got only one premiere, Julian Grant's *Jump into My Sack*. It

detective banjo, won a serial killer Unpleasant thriller. Director Jon Amiel *MGM Trocadero* (0171-433 0031). Warner (0171-437 3433).

DEAD MAN WALKING (15) Oscar winner Susan Sarandon vs Sean Penn on Death Row. Powerful, but balanced drama about a woman's fight for justice and her guard, awaiting the result of his trial. Billie Bob Thornton. *White Palace* (0171-434 0332). AMC *Penton Street* (0171-325 5621). Warner (0171-437 4542).

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KIDS (16) Uncanny portmanteau of kids running around. A first feature by stop-motion guru Larry Clark, the cast is non-professional.

MGM: *Father Road* (0171-370 2369). *Titanic* (0171-439 1527).

THINGS TO DO IN DENVER (18) Hip and happening. New director Gary Fisher. With Andy Garcia. *Odeon Kensington* (01285-914 666). Warner (0171-437 4343).

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Matthew Parris



■ Learning to screen out many of the things that others are grinding on about is a vital skill

There is something called Eurosport 96, or somesuch. It probably involves football because there is a football in the logo. I have the impression Eurosport 96 is happening here but it may well be elsewhere too. Eurosport 96, whatever it is, starts soon, or may have started already. I think it goes on for some time but have no idea for how long.

And that — cross my heart and hope to die — is all I know about Eurosport 96, if this is indeed its correct name. Among the things I do not know is where in Britain it is happening; whether it is only football; which teams are playing; whether it is professional or amateur, or anything to do with the Olympics, or the European Union; and who or what is behind the whole thing.

And I tell you this not as a boast — it is not clever to be ignorant about sport — nor as a confession. Nor is it a prelude to a complaint. I did hear some rather uppity people on the *Today* programme on Radio 4 bewailing the attention given to Eurosport 96, and said they would have to take a holiday to avoid it. But that is a class thing: you don't hear *Today* complaining about Test match coverage. Why should people think that just because they are indifferent to something, those who are not should be starved of news about it? My indifference to Eurosport 96 is prodigious but nobody is forcing me to follow it.

Indeed, I think I have just proved as much. Despite a vague impression that reams of print and hours of broadcasting have already been devoted to this thing, I remain in a state of profound and tranquil unknowingness about it. I haven't been bothered in the least by the coverage. It has not impinged, and will not.

I sketch for you this outline of the black hole of one man's ignorance about Eurosport 96 as an illustration of a human capacity as awesome and life-enhancing as it is little-noticed: the capacity to screen things out. It is almost unbelievable how efficiently *Homo sapiens* can exclude from his notice whole swathes of external stimuli which he does not wish to intrude upon his consciousness.

Our expressions for this talent are often disparaging. "In one ear and out the other"; "like talking to a brick wall". Yet the child who has learnt to screen out the order and dates of the succession of the Kings and Queens of England has learnt a more useful lesson than the one he has missed, for if he is to live at all, he must learn — and quickly — how to ignore perhaps 99 per cent of all that will be passing before his eyes and into his ears in the future.

Some of what I missed may have mattered, but it gave me space to think

Iran-Iraq War, and most of the Vietnam War. Sport. High society, everything in which women wear hats, royalty, and anything that might appear on the Court and Social page of *The Times*. The Church of England. Disco music. The Beatles. Watergate. Fast food. Heavy metal. The City. Insurance. Rap. Lloyds. Hostages. Aids. The National Trust. The National Health Service. The National Lottery and everything connected with it, except Mystic Meg. Famine relief. Stalkers. Supermodels. Eurosport 96.

Some of these things mattered; some still do; others (in my view) do not. I do not endorse the principle of selection that my own guard-on-duty has applied to the external world. I simply report it.

Mrs Blake once said of her husband and constant companion, William: "I have very little of Mr Blake's company. He is always in paradise." Jane Austen is said to have written much of her work in one corner of a busy room, with family life going on all around her. It is miraculous what she missed. It is miraculous what she did not. So vive l'Eurosport! I say. Fill the Times with it. Fill the air with it. I do not need to go on holiday. I already am.

If the BBC tries to compete in the digital age, it will lose the licence fee and be privatised

Two announcements on Friday have put the privatisation of the BBC on the national agenda. Quite soon, possibly in the next Parliament, the Government may have to decide whether to allow the BBC to merge with a commercial partner to become part of a major world communications company. The niche concept of a specially favoured national provider of broadcasting might still have been viable, but the restructuring announced by the BBC has decided against it.

The first, and perhaps the most important, announcement was the £670 million deal in which BSkyB bought another four years of the FA Premier League. The BBC was not even the under-bidder, but made a £73 million side deal to preserve *Match of the Day*. The under-bidder was another commercial partnership, the Mirror Group and Carlton Communications, who came close to matching the Sky offer.

I submit that the propensity in any infant to glaze over and blank out is an early sign of sentence. He has not gone blank. He is elsewhere, where he needs to be, and undistracted he is learning to split his brain into two parts. One part, the automatic man, stays on sentinel duty, alert to all the data transmitted by his senses, checking, sifting, evaluating, judging... and discarding most of it. The other part, the real man, is working on the small proportion of information that his guard-on-watch has relayed through as meriting attention.

The division is a life-saver, for without it every sentient creature would flail in a mass of mostly irrelevant information. The human being learns it early, as a child, later developing the social skills to pretend to be engaging with his immediate environment. Here are some of the things I missed, ignored, or never really heard, from child to middle-aged man. Almost the whole of the colonial war in Cyprus, where I lived — except the bombs, which were good because they meant school holidays. Almost the whole of school, except reading, and nature studies, particularly anything to do with tapeworms. Frank Sinatra. The Algerian War. Crooning. Girls. Hollywood. The whole

Iran-Iraq War, and most of the Vietnam War. Sport. High society, everything in which women wear hats, royalty, and anything that might appear on the Court and Social page of *The Times*. The Church of England. Disco music. The Beatles. Watergate. Fast food. Heavy metal. The City. Insurance. Rap. Lloyds. Hostages. Aids. The National Trust. The National Health Service. The National Lottery and everything connected with it, except Mystic Meg. Famine relief. Stalkers. Supermodels. Eurosport 96.

Party politics has become a fringe activity. Only about two in a hundred adults are members of the main parties — many fewer than read *The Times* or belong to leading groups for protection of birds and the countryside. Yet most politicians are not worried. They are content to point to continuing high turnout at elections and to the small support for fringe parties. But low membership has undermined the legitimacy of parties and turned them into electoral machines dominated by the ambitious.

Membership has been falling for a long time. But the decline has been sharper, and the level is lower in Britain than in other leading democracies. Forty years ago, 13 per cent of registered electors were in one of the main parties. In the mid-1960s, it was still 9½ per cent. The current level of just over 2 per cent is far lower than across most of Europe. Tory membership is down from a peak of 2½ million in the 1950s to a little over 750,000 (though even this may be on the high side since officials were talking only a few years ago about a total of no more than 500,000).

The Tory and Labour parties have become socially isolated. Until the 1960s, it was normal for middle-class professionals and businessmen, and their wives, to be active in both the social and the political side of their local Tory associations, just as many Labour parties were based on working men's clubs and union branches. The political and social were linked. They no longer are. Increased affluence and the break-up of old communities have created many more leisure opportunities.

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Birt's gamble on a commercial BBC

division for news. BBC Broadcast under Will Wyatt, will commission programmes for the television and radio channels, for the regional services and for the proposed new subscription channels. It will have a budget of about £1 billion a year. BBC Production will be responsible for making the programmes.

The critics will concentrate on the losses, and they have a strong case. When Marmaduke Hussey ceased to be chairman at the end of March, he left to his successor the decision whether to take the high road or the low road. The high road was to reappoint John Birt, reconstruct the corporation, and aim to be fully competitive in the digital age. The low road was to let John Birt go, concentrate on the BBC's traditional areas of strength, accept a more limited function and leave the central broadcasting marketplace to the bigger and wealthier competitors.

The low road meant that the BBC would cease to have pretensions to be the main broadcasting supplier, but would remain dominant in regional broadcasting, in serious radio including the World Service, in mid-market television and as the national voice in broadcasting. This BBC would have had a declining share of the total market, but would have remained the market leader in its own area. In newspaper marketing terms that is something like the *Daily Mail* option, aiming to be the strong mid-market leader, but not trying to dominate the mass market. In financial terms it would have meant continuing reliance on the licence fee, with its particular strengths and limitations. Although he saw the big decision as one for his successor, Marmaduke Hussey broadly favoured the low road.

In the period as deputy chairman, from 1981 to 1986, we tried to shift the BBC towards greater enterprise, and gained only a few hundred yards through the mud. Duke Hussey and John Birt have undoubtedly made much more progress than we did, but the BBC is still essentially an institution which gains its income not from the market but from the State. So long as it has the licence fee, how could it be otherwise? The new strategy requires a cultural revolution in the BBC that may not be possible in the time available. In any case the virtues of the old BBC may turn out to be incompatible with the new enterprise culture.

The new strategy also requires money. I accept that there still may be surplus staff in the BBC, including some of the Birtian managers themselves. I do not believe that redundancies on their own can begin to finance the digital revolution. To fulfil John Birt's vision, the BBC will need far more money than the licence fee, as it limps towards the £2 billion mark, can possibly provide. It is, I would

guess, a £5 billion vision on a £2 billion revenue. The plan must be to fill the gap with co-production, subscription and pay-per-view revenue. Yet this threatens the licence fee itself. If the BBC neglects its traditional roles, particularly in the regions and radio, and charges market prices for some of its most attractive services, the licence fee will no longer have public support.

The Birt vision also leads naturally to the need for a merger. Even if the revenue problem can be solved — and I do not think it can — the new BBC will remain internationally competitive only if it is of international size. As both were in the public sector as recently as 1980, a merger between the BBC and BT looks a politically attractive way of achieving this — but that means privatisation of the BBC. I suppose the Government which privatised the BBC could continue to offer a tapering licence fee, but that could only be an interim measure. The BBC towards which the second stage of John Birt's revolution is moving could well end up as part of a large merged British communications company, without the licence fee, and wholly in the private sector.

It all seems an extraordinary gamble. It is a gamble on the BBC developing an enterprise culture at full gallop. It is a gamble on the public accepting the loss of emphasis on traditional strengths of the old BBC. It is a gamble on the new structure making the savings expected of it. It is a gamble on editorial morale, particularly in radio, the regions and the World Service. It is an enormous financial gamble. It is a gamble on the future of the licence fee. It is a gamble on world competition without world size. It is a gamble with the whole future of the BBC. I suspect John Birt's gamble will in fact bring to an end the BBC as we have known it. What follows may be better, may be worse, but will be very, very different.

Tending the party roots

Will new Labour's new members stay loyal, asks Peter Riddell



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tions. In the 1992 election, Labour's successful efforts in key marginals helped to ensure that the Tories' overall majority was 21, rather than the 71 suggested by the national share of the vote. Ironically, government controls on local government may have discouraged people from becoming active in local Tory parties and standing as councillors. Local management of schools and similar moves in other public services to shift control from local political appointees to parents and others have reduced incentives to become involved in constituency parties. The intriguing question is how far this picture has really been changed by the 50 per cent increase in Labour membership in the past three years to 376,000. This is, of course, a rise from a historically low base, and reflects the Blair effect. But unlike the Tories, Labour now has a national membership system which makes it easier to target appeals and to produce a high annual renewal rate of 85 per cent.

However, Labour has had to make itself more attractive, both socially and politically, with not just lengthy meetings but also wine and cheese parties. The crucial ingredient, though, is the increased political involvement of these members via ballots, not only in the election of the leader and selection of candidates, but also on key policy issues. The overwhelming support for the change to Clause Four last year will be followed this autumn by the ballot on the draft manifesto, due to be published this month. Traditionalists are wary of creating a plebiscitary system of democracy which favours the leadership, but this has been crucial to Tony Blair's success. The real test will be whether membership increases if Labour gains power. Are the new members really?

There are immediate lessons for the Tories. They need new members, not just to provide money but to revitalise the party. To attract them, the Tories will have to offer a real say in the running of the party and over policy. The Tories are operating in a competitive market for activism and can no longer count on brand loyalty among voters or potential members.

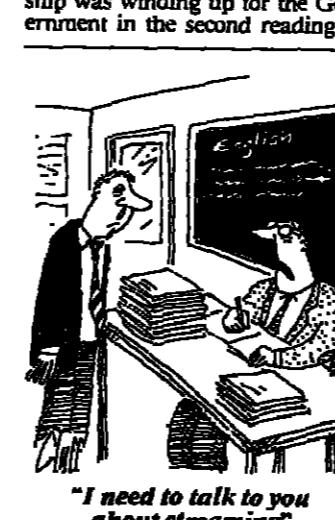


Ian Dury, Heathcote Williams and Adrian Mitchell.

Bruce Horovitz, a melancholy figure, says from experience that he will lose money even if he attracts a full house. He is surviving on three hours' sleep and baked beans.

Cheers!

SOMEBODY wants to keep us in the dark about the drinking habits of the redoubtable Baroness Trumpington. Last week her Ladyship was winding up for the Government in the second reading of



"I need to talk to you about streaming"

the Treasure Bill in the Lords. Her voice fading a little, she swigged from a tumbler of water, then raised it and declared: "I wish it was gin," to guffaws from peers.

Mysteriously however, the remark is missing from Hansard, the official record of parliamentary proceedings. Is the Upper House a more cheerful place than somebody cares we should know?

Dutch courage

GRAHAM TAYLOR may have thought that his trouble with the Dutch was over, but now, in his job as Euro 9 summariser for the television station Eurosport, he must once again face his nemesis.

Taylor's previous running commentary on an England-Holland match came from the touchline during the fateful qualifier for the last World Cup. Recorded by Channel 4, it included 36 uses of the "f" word and his pathetic, repeated bleating of "Do I not like that".

Eurosport, however, is "99 per cent certain that he will be commenting on the game".

Bye, baby

THE NATION has lost Countess Sokolow to the Costa del Sol. The former Bienvenida Buck says she

has quit London for good to settle in Marbella where, forsaking men, she has surrounded herself with puppies and kittens. "Men are like toys. You need them sometimes. But now I protect animals and have discovered that they give me the kind of love that men have never given me," explains the peroxide-fussed Carmen.

But males are not the only reason for her going, she tells the Spanish magazine *Lecturas*. Quite simply: "The English don't deserve me."

P.H.S

Ticket trauma

THE HOTTEST opera ticket of the year may be about to plummet in value. Roberto Alagna, the "difficult" young tenor hailed as the new Pavarotti and due to open in Verdi's *Don Carlos* at the Royal Opera House tomorrow, has gone Awol.

Alagna's non-appearance at rehearsals last week alarmed Covent Garden, which is charging £125 for the best seats. The production's conductor, Bernard Haitink, is said to be furious. Some months back, Alagna was prevented from quitting the production only after diplomatic overtures from the director, Luc Bondy, and he has now allowed to drop out of the final two performances.

Some critics have questioned the wisdom of allowing him to tackle the demanding role of Don Carlos at this stage of his career. "It may be that Alagna himself is now wondering if it is a good idea," says one House insider.

The handsome 33-year-old son of a Sicilian bricklayer has been labelled both "the fourth tenor" and "Mr Difficult". He is said to have infuriated Jonathan Miller, who directed him in *La Bohème* at the Opéra Bastille this year, when



Missing tenor: Alagna

A FOOTNOTE must be added to the bloody annals of Derek Hatton's expulsion from the Labour Party. The role of Roy Hattersley's mother has been neglected.

The other day, recording an edition of the Radio 4 parliamentary quiz-show *Out of Order*, Hattersley struggled to identify the voice of the man he helped to expel from the party had long been a family bogeyman. Back in the depths of the 1970s or early '80s (it gets pretty murky here) when his mother was a Sheffield councillor,

Hatton was employed as a social worker. "But when she discovered that he wasn't social-working but evangelising for Trotskyism she got sumfed. So we Hattersleys got him twice."

Him again

THE NATION'S bards are limbering up to give the summer of sport some rhythm. A "Poetry Olympics" is to be held at the Albert Hall next month. Michael Horovitz intends to present a "different spirit to that of the zealously competitive modern Olympics". He has booked an interesting bunch of stanza-hurlers, from established sorts such as James Fenton, Paul Durcan and the unofficial southern Irish laureate Brendan Kennelly, to pop stars Damon Albarn, Patti Smith, and Ray Davies of the Kinks. The dressing rooms will also reverberate to

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HOUR OF TRUTH

Britain should stand and fight for the right sort of Europe

The job of Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, is to resolve conflicts, propose solutions and maintain the European Union machinery in smooth working order. None of these objectives will have been served by his outburst in an interview yesterday, suggesting that Britain's "hour of truth" in Europe was approaching. Instead, he has intensified a debate on Europe whose outcome is increasingly unlikely to suit either his own view, or that of his federalist backers in Germany and France.

Mr Santer acknowledged, while carefully not according to such sentiments himself, that some Europeans were questioning if the EU might be better off without Britain. He strongly criticised the Government's policy of non-cooperation aimed at lifting the beef ban. And he put the blame on Britain for the crisis. "The problem," he said, "can only be solved by measures taken in the UK."

If that were so, the problem might have been solved already. The problem of consumer confidence can be solved only when our European partners agree that the measures taken in the UK are sufficient to justify lifting the ban. Mr Santer should be the first to appreciate that the beef market all over Europe will recover only when the ban is lifted. But more important for him, until the ban is lifted, the debate on Britain's membership of the EU is likely to become more rancorous.

Only recently has the taboo been broken in Britain allowing significant figures to question EU membership. Now its counterpart abroad, the questioning of the merits for the EU of Britain remaining a member, has been breached. We are happy that a debate on the benefits of British membership should take place. The truth is clear enough to us.

It is important both for Britain and for Europe that this country should remain a

member, in order to help to craft the kind of Union that will best ensure prosperity and peace on our shared continent. Britain's case for a free-trading Europe of sovereign states, articulated by its politicians, has strong support among many of the peoples of other European countries. Britain would be failing not only its own voters, but other countries' too, if it ceased to articulate and fight for an intelligent vision for the Union that is different from that of Mr Santer.

It is in this spirit that Bill Cash, Tory MP for Stafford, will introduce a ten-minute rule Bill to the Commons tomorrow. He proposes that a referendum should be put to the voters asking the following question: "Do you want the United Kingdom to propose and insist on irreversible changes in the Treaty on European Union, so that the UK retains its powers of government and is not part of a federal Europe nor part of a European monetary union, including a single currency?" His purpose is to send a British government, of whichever hue, into the intergovernmental conference (IGC) with a mandate from the electorate against all federalising measures, including EMU, and in favour of a review of a Maastricht Treaty.

The Bill may be flawed, it is arguable whether the question couched could reasonably be put to the public. But MPs tomorrow do not have to worry about that. Mr Cash's Bill is extremely unlikely to become law. Strong support for it, however, would remind the Government that Parliament wants a firmer stance in the IGC than it is currently likely to get. Such a stance would be not just in Britain's but all Europe's interest.

If the whole of Europe will be ill-served by a single currency artificially trying to hold economies together, then John Major should want to say so at the IGC. A vote for the Referendum Bill tomorrow is a way of sending both him and Mr Santer that firm message.

MILLENNIUM MOMENTUM

Business must not allow the Greenwich Exhibition to fail

Time is to be the theme of the proposed Millennium Exhibition at Greenwich but, owing to delay and dither, time is perilously short to make the event the success it should be. It would be an immense missed opportunity if the exhibition failed.

The Millennium Exhibition was conceived as an inspirational flourish for a Government 13 years in power and anxious to appear still creative. But its short life has been an unhappy one. London was always the obvious city for the exhibition, and Greenwich, home of the time signal, the best site. But, instead of choosing the site quickly, the Government insisted on a competition which wasted time, created resentment among losing cities and required a clumsy intervention at the end to rescue Greenwich from its own faulty campaign.

The squandered months are the most obvious symptom of a broader lack of leadership. The inspirations for the Millennium Exhibition were the Great Exhibition of 1851 and the Festival of Britain of 1951. Both were celebrations of material progress which lauded industry and artistry. Both were successes because of imperious but committed individuals. Prince Albert made the 1851 exhibition a triumph and the 1951 Festival was driven by Labour's Deputy Prime Minister, Herbert Morrison.

Now, the intervention of another Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, seems to have produced a chance that the Millennium Exhibition may yet be a success. He has gone some significant way towards encouraging reluctant business to contribute the £150 million needed from the private sector for the exhibition. In the past week Mr Heseltine has, apparently, secured the

support of major companies such as British Airways, British Aerospace and BP.

But significant as that support is, it is not enough. More money, and a clearer vision are required. Business is understandably wary about involvement in a project which has not, until very recently, had about it the necessary sense of purpose. It would, however, be tragic if this initiative were to falter because British business were not to rise to the challenge. Support for the project would yield no instant profit but a successful exhibition would be not only a superb marketing opportunity for all British business but a sign of faith in the UK.

The exhibition may have been handed to London, and it will have to depend on big business, but it should still be the property of the whole kingdom. That will require political weight being brought to bear where hitherto there has been hot air.

The Government should try to involve all four nations of the UK in a celebration of harmony and diversity. It should recognise that the future rests increasingly with smaller businesses and ensure that they have a place. It should complement the commercial with the creative. And it should temper the message of growth and optimism with a concern for renewal and environmental improvement. The exhibition will need a modern Capability Brown to transform the site and a chief executive who is a business Bonaparte to make it work.

There is much for Government and the private sector to do. Unless the leadership required is shown now then all these bright hopes for a confident start to the next millennium will be replaced by a sense of frustration at another opportunity fumbled.

GRAVE QUESTIONS

Faith and science are in conflict in Israel

A sweeping demand by fundamentalist Orthodox rabbis for an immediate halt to the excavation of all gravesites that may contain Jewish bones has caused uproar in Israel and thrown Benjamin Netanyahu's attempt to form a new Likud-led coalition into turmoil. The three religious parties, who hold the balance of power, are using their new strength to force through one of the most controversial demands of the religious Right, a change in the Antiquities Law to prevent any activity that might desecrate Jewish burial sites. Archaeologists are appalled. They say that the demands could close the door on one of the world's richest treasure-houses of knowledge.

Few sciences arouse as much passion in Israel as archaeology. Almost every Israeli is an amateur excavator. The science is a source of historic pride and global reputation. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem has one of the most renowned archaeology schools, building on a reputation, like the equally distinguished British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem, that stretches back to the days of the British mandate.

At present scholars are working in more than 300 sites, and by law no new building development can go ahead without an initial archaeological investigation. The Holy Land is one of the oldest continuously inhabited parts of the world, whose rocky landscape and dry climate has preserved layer upon layer of cultures, peoples and civilisations. In recent years the finds have been spectacular. The mountain fortress of Ma-

sada has yielded dramatic evidence. The tombs of David and Caiaphas, the palaces of Herod and Solomon, the altar of Moses, the site where Bar Kochba raised his revolt and the presumed model for the Golden Calf have all had the dust of myth and the earth of history removed from them to reveal mysteries and glories.

But other passions beside the zeal of scholarship surround archaeology in Israel. The search for Jewish identity and the attempt to prove, in ancient stones and buildings, Jewish claims to historic Palestine have made the science another flashpoint in relations with the Arabs. The excavations on the Temple Mount have caused outrage among Muslims. Christians have been bemused by some of the wilder recent claims to have found the tomb of Jesus or the site of the Crucifixion. And the ultra-Orthodox Jews of Mea Shearim in Jerusalem have fought pitched battles with police and secular archaeologists in their attempt to halt digging in virtually any part of the city.

No dig in Israel can be certain not to uncover human remains. If Mr Netanyahu capitulates, he will, effectively, halt excavations that have more historic importance than those in almost any other part of the world. He will also send a signal that despite the narrowness of his victory, his Government will be forced to adopt a range of fundamentalist religious positions that could change the face of modern, secular Israel. There is more at stake in the ground

Adultery, divorce and the children

From the Right Reverend Lord Habgood

Sir, Mr Mark Mullins (letter, June 3) wants to "admonish adulterers" by making adultery "a clear statutory ground for divorce". Adultery is indeed worthy of admonition, and in Old Testament times was punishable by death.

It was this punishment which encouraged the Reformers to regard an adulterous marriage as dead, and hence to treat adultery as a ground for divorce. The Eastern Churches had long since come to the same conclusion by a different route, relying on the so-called "Matthean exception" in Matthew xix, 9:

I tell you, if a man divorces his wife for any cause other than unchastity and marries another, he commits adultery.

Under our present law, however, easy and automatic divorce has come to seem more like a reward for adultery. Attempts to redress the balance by stressing the element of fault are understandable but would simply compound the error by confusing an admonishable symptom of marriage breakdown with the breakdown itself.

The stated purpose of the Family Law Bill is to support such marriages as can be saved by encouraging couples to face realistically, and as far as possible non-confrontationally, the full consequences of divorce. Its great merit is that it returns unequivocally to the only morally defensible ground for divorce, namely the effective death of the marriage, a death which in the end only the couple themselves can properly identify.

The Christian gospel in these unhappy circumstances is not to add insult to injury by admonishment, but to declare that even in the face of death there is still hope of a new life. Yours faithfully,

JOHN HABGOOD,
18 The Mount,
Malton, North Yorkshire.
June 7.

From Mr Martin Poupart

Sir, The Family Law Bill proposes an 18-month waiting period plus a further three-month initial cooling-off period for those seeking a divorce.

Parliament appears to have forgotten that "any delay in determining [any] question" with respect to the upbringing of a child "is likely to prejudice the welfare of the child" (Children Act, 1989).

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN POUPARD,
Bartlett, Gregory, Collins & Snow
(solicitors),
National Westminster Bank
Chambers,
143 High Street, Bromley, Kent.
June 4.

Parenting classes

From Dr Robin Gray, FRCS

Sir, The Shadow Home Secretary's call for a curfew (report and leading article, June 4) to ensure that children under 11 are not out, without a responsible figure, after nine o'clock in the evening is superficial, palliative and will do nothing useful in the long term. The only long-term solution for the ills such a curfew is presumably intended to address is improved parenting.

The contact points for starting to teach parents how to bring up their children are ante and post-natal clinics, on entry of a first child to nursery school and on entry of a first child to primary school. Teaching of life skills to all children must follow until they leave school.

Inadequate parenting costs society dearly. Until a serious attitude is taken to teaching the skills of parenting and education for life nothing will change.

Yours sincerely,
ROBIN GRAY,
Chemin du Petit-Chêne II,
1860 Aigle, Switzerland.
June 4.

From Mrs Annette Mountford

Sir, The Bishop of Hull's advocacy of the value of parenting classes (letter, June 3) can be substantiated by the experience of our charity.

In the past three years our class-work with families has demonstrated the importance of education for good parenting and relationships. Many of the families have been seriously dysfunctional, with children exhibiting emotional behaviour disorder. The positive changes they have made show the effectiveness of attending good quality programmes.

There are many long-term social benefits to be gained from the development of parenting skills, and referrals from social workers, health visitors and teachers have increased, as have self-referrals, reflecting a new public mood that learning to be a good parent is socially acceptable.

Our work is emotionally demanding and there is constant pressure to seek charitable funding. The Bishop wants to dangle the carrot of double child benefit for those who attend classes, but government investment is required for the classes themselves or there won't be the classes to go to.

Yours faithfully,
ANNETTE MOUNTFORD
(Executive Co-ordinator),
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Unit 12F,
Munro Estate,
7 West Way, Botley Road, Oxford.
June 6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dubious value of royal commissions

From Professor Emeritus Nigel Walker

Sir, Another royal commission on crime and punishment is unlikely to be as "dispassionate, authoritative and constructive" as Professor McConvill and his fellow signatories hope (letter, June 3).

Surprisingly they refrain from reminding us that less than 30 years ago the Royal Commission on the Penal System dissolved itself without making a single recommendation, for the very reason that its members could not agree on fundamental principles.

A royal commission on crime and punishment would make as much sense as a royal commission on ill-health. If the signatories of this naive proposal have in mind specific problems, such as the demarcation dispute between the Lord Chief Justice and the Home Secretary, this is more likely to be solved by a committee of Parliament which after all has the last word.

I am &c,
NIGEL WALKER,
King's College, Cambridge.
June 4.

Need for juries from all walks of life

From Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC

Sir, The Chairman of the Queen's English Society (letter, June 1) quotes the "inaccuracy" of criminal proceedings and the purported fact that the number of "distinctionally illiterate" adults in the country may be higher than one in six as grounds for doubting the "suitability" of some jurors to serve on *any* kind of trial, let alone one involving specialised knowledge. I disagree.

No juror is required to possess expert knowledge on any subject except ordinary life, in which most people have some qualifications. Usually the jury are urged by the judge to use their common sense and knowledge of the world in coming to their decision. No doubt instinct and intuition also play a part, as they do in all decision-making.

One of the advantages of trial by jury is that counsel on both sides are required to ensure that everyone (including the defendant) understands both the evidence and the issues. This is not difficult for trapped inside every technical or scientific concept.

Perhaps together they would provide the perfect mix: a jury chosen at random from all walks of life whose sole aim is to produce a just verdict.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD THWAITES,
10 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.
June 1.

ernment as a weapon against the rebels. Convicts and flights to the rebel areas rely largely on the protection and co-operation which it readily offers and which the UN General Assembly has repeatedly commended.

The area of the Nuba Mountains mentioned by Mr Levin was visited by many international delegations and none of them confirmed the allegations of atrocities.

Yours faithfully,
OMER Y. BIREEDO,
Embassy of the Republic
of the Sudan,
3 Cleveland Row, St James's, SW1.
June 6.

From Mr Louis Fitzgibbon

Sir, On May 30 the Sudan Government announced that it would permit a referendum on the future of the South. This is the very thing John Garang, leader of one faction of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, has been demanding. It is also one of the main planks of Baroness Cox's arguments as president of Christian Solidarity International.

Garang can hardly refuse, but the result would be for Sudan to remain united, as the southern people are sick of war and also know that any secession would result in Somalia-type inter-tribal warfare. This should also take the wind out of the UN resolution mentioned by Mr Bona Malwal (letter, June 6), which is due for review on July 10.

The path to peace is open: let Garang take it or does he will no longer be a war lord, but lord of nothing?

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
LOUIS FITZGIBBON,
8 Portland Place,
Brighton, Sussex.
June 7.

Road rage in reverse

From Mrs Sheila G. Mortimer

Sir, A colleague was cycling to work yesterday when a car cut in front, clipping his bicycle and causing him to career into the grass verge. He narrowly avoided injury but was extremely angry.

The car door opened and a monk emerged. He was gentle, apologetic and concerned and my colleague, by the end of the encounter, was reassuring him that it was a dangerous piece of road anyway and there was no need for him to worry.

Perhaps this is the answer to road rage (report, May 15; letters, May 25, 31) don a monk's habit.

Yours faithfully,
SHEILA G. MORTIMER,
Caldicote,
103 High Street,
Lindfield, West Sussex.
June 5.

Letters for publication should carry contact telephone numbers. We regret that we cannot accept letters by telephone but they may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5046.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN THAME,
7 Welbeck Close,
Cove, Farnborough, Hampshire.
June 3.

Paying up to be lord of the manor

From the Lord of Hornchurch Hall

Sir, I welcome the items in *The Times* of May 31 which deal with lordships of the manor, but regret the emphasis placed in your leading article on status, wealth and rights and on what you call "these cracked and dusty bables". Many "new" lords of the manor are not motivated differently:

1. In the main, we are ardent royalists and supporters of the monarchy, to which we owe our lordships.

2. Lordships are changing hands at a mere £4,200: one does not have to be wealthy to be a lord.

3. Lordships do occasionally bestow rights, but most of the "new" lords are more interested in responsibilities, which they are encouraged to take seriously by the Manorial Society of Great Britain.

4. Lordships no longer bring automatic status; many of the "new" lords have earned it by their manorial benefactions.

Forgive me for rushing to the lists: I write as chairman of a charitable trust which has owned this lordship since 1993 and has nominated me to bear the title for life.

I remain, your obedient servant,
JOHN HORNCHEWCH,
Lord of Hornchurch Hall,
Hornchurch Hall,
7 Parkstone Avenue,
Hornchurch, Essex.
June 1.

From Mr Kenneth Nicholls



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 8: The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, honoured Epsom Races with her presence today.

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 8: The Duke of Kent, President, the Football Association, this afternoon attended the Euro 96 England versus Switzerland Final Tournament match, Wembley Stadium, Middlesbrough.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 9: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales), today visited the 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion at Swynerton, Staffordshire.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Reverend Keith Angus to an Extra Chaplain to Her Majesty in Scotland.

Royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open an exhibition at Windsor Guildhall at 10.00 to mark the Duke of Edinburgh's 75th birthday.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of Sense - the National Deafblind and Rubella Association, will visit a Sensory shop at Castle Square, Wensley Castle, Birmingham, at 3.30, as President of the British Knitting and Crochet Export Council, will visit Oldfield Blue 60-62 Constitution Hill, Birmingham, at 4.10, and as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the West Midlands appeal gala concert at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, at 6.35.

Birthdays today

The Duke of Edinburgh celebrates his 75th birthday today.

Mr Brian Baldwin, deputy chairman, Guinness, 62; Mr W.G. Barr, former Rector, Exeter College, Oxford, 79; Mr Saul Bellow, writer, 81; Mrs Susan Bodinham, Headmistress, St Mary's School, Wantage, 45; the Right Rev L.W. Brown, former Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, 84; Mr Peter Butler, MP, 45; Sir Bryan Cartledge, Principal, Linacre College, Oxford, 65; Sir Christopher Collett, former Mayor of London, 65; Mr Peter Craven, MEP, 64; the Very Rev G.J.T. Forbes, Provost, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, 45; Sir Brinsley Ford, former chairman, National Art Collections Fund, 88; Lord Justice Peter Gibson, 62; Mr Graham Carleton Greene, publisher, 60; Mr R.P. Halward, former Governor, Manchester prison, 45; Sir William Harris, civil engineer, 84; Mr Guy Harwood, racehorse trainer, 59; Sir Arthur Hawkins, former chairman, CECB, 83; Mrs Phyllis Heitzel, former President, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, 78; Dr Polly Hill, anthropologist, 70; Mr Simon Jenkins, former Editor, *The Times*, 53; Mr Michael Kenny, sculptor, 55; Sir Geoffrey Onion, civil servant, 89; Mr Tom Pendry, MP, 62; Mr Anthony Rooley, lexicographer, 52; Major-General Michael Walsh, former Chief Scout, 69.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines
Commander F. Beirne RN 1st
Rate, 10th Flotilla, 10th Inf
DTSO Kyle, 13.9.96. A Fox
Portsmouth, 13.9.96.
Local Lieutenant-Colonel D.C.V. Heaver
1st Sqn CINCPLE, 28.8.96.
Lieutenant-Colonel A.R. Dent, 14.9.96.
Local Lieutenant-Colonel P.N. Ward,
27.8.96.

Royal Air Force
Group Captain J. Mackrell - HOSTC,
RAF Mildenhall HQLC, 14.6.96.
Wing Commander N.J. Barnes - Staff C
Bracknell, 10.6.96.

Nature notes

In a few places, quails are calling among the growing corn: they have a triple note like "kiss-me-quick". Male corn buntings sit on telephone wires making their jangling song; they often have two or three mates, each with a nest in the fieldside hedges below. Blackbirds and song-thrushes, wrens and chaffinches are in full song. Spoonbills have been reported on lakes and marshes: this white, heron-like bird with a circular end to its beak is now established in The Netherlands, and may become a British breeding species. Woods are full of the bright blue flowers



The spoonbill

of bugle this is a snapdragon-like flower, but has only the long lower lip, not the curved hood above it. The first pale purple flowers of spotted orchids are out, growing on stout stalks among the blotchy leaves. Wall-brown butterflies fly swiftly through the countryside: they have elaborately spotted orange-brown wings and occasionally settle to spread them.

Society for Nautical Research

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society for Nautical Research held at the Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth on June 8, honorary membership was awarded to Lieutenant Commander D.W. Waters, RN, PSA, FRHistS, FRIN.

DNJ

LAWRENCE - On July 1st 1996, Leonard Humphrey M.R.E., Q.M., aged 91 years, beloved of The Queen, Mrs Betty-Louise and Mr Andrew, died at St Mary's Abbey Church, Kensington, London, W8 at 2.15 pm. Funeral services were followed by interment at Gunnersbury Cemetery. Family members or dependants may call at 100-102 Highgate Road, Charlotte Park c/o Rodney Hoddy, 54 North End Road, W11. All enquiries to J.A. Hoddy, 0171 937-0767.

MADEN - On July 1st 1996, Leonard, artist Grade School of Art aged 87 years, died very peacefully. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Convent, Chelmsford, Essex, 0124 464 4111. His dearest son, Edward and wife, Fiona (Finian) James, a brother for Edward and Glynne and wife, Rosemary.

MADGE - On 20th May 1996, to Mary and Ivo, a son, Thomas Mathew James.

MAGNESS - On May 20th 1996, to Alexandra (née Holloman) and Nicholas, a son, Daniel, 11 months old.

SHAKAHAN-WATSON - On 14th May 1996 at The Princess Royal Hospital, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, David and Frederick, son and daughter, Steven, a son, a daughter, Anna, and Tom, a son.

HANCOCK - On 20th May 1996, to Amanda (née Burnett) and Adrian, a second beautiful son, Edward, a brother for Oliver, a son, a daughter, Anna, and a son, Angus Michael York.

RICHARDS - On 20th June to Valerie (née Reynolds) and Peter, a son, Jack Murray.

DEATHS

SURROWS - Miss Mabel, formerly of Beaconsfield and now of Beaconsfield, 91, London, died June 6th at her nursing home at Beaconsfield. Burial 19th June. Donations in her memory may be made to The Anti-Slavery Society, 2nd Floor, 100 New Bond Street, London, W1, or to the Doves Funeral Directors, 214 Portobello High Street, London, SW10 2OA (0171 669 6550).

MAIG - James Haig (née Maig) died on June 6th in Edinburgh on June 7th 1996, much loved husband of Lucy, wife of George, a private, close family. No flowers but donations gratefully accepted. Charles Macmillan, Macmillan Fund c/o W.H. Bond Funeral Directors, 127 Polhill Place Rd, W6 8JA.

HELLS - Reginald Arthur, 90, died June 6th at his home in Beaconsfield. He was a Service of Thanksgiving at St Lawrence's Church, Beaconsfield, on June 12th. Family services only please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research UK, 12th Floor, 1 High Street, Witney, Ox 9RR (01993 702676).

PIKES - Gordon Hugh Pikes, aged 59 years, died peacefully at his home on 4th June 1996. Dear beloved husband of Lucy, wife of George, a private, close family. No flowers but donations gratefully accepted. Charles Macmillan Fund c/o W.H. Bond Funeral Directors, 127 Polhill Place Rd, W6 8JA.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL ARSENAL ASSOCIATION - Honorary Church Service at Chiswick Cathedral on Saturday 15th June at 10.30 am. Members of The Queen's Royal Arsenal, The East Surrey and Royal Garrison Artillery Regiments, Royal Engineers, Royal Artillery, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (Funeral Directors), 314 Portobello High Street, London, SW10 2OA (0171 669 6550).

HEATH - On June 7th at King Edward VII Hospital, Maida Vale, London, Mrs Betty-Lee, loving mother of Richard, 36th-in-law of Charles and Helen, and grandmother of Sophie and Helen. Funeral Service will take place at St. James' Church, Paddington, on Friday 14th June at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to RNLI Yarmouth c/o Eversen FD, Tel: 01963 759763.

DEATHS

E.L. LAMPLAIRE, aged 80, died on June 1996 from prior U.S. heart attack.

REGIS KREYL, wife of our love late on the occasion of her 80th birthday, Regis, died 23rd June.

WOTON - Peacefully in hospital on June 8th, Bertie, 89, dear beloved wife of Bill aged 85, much loved mother, mother-in-law, Funeral Services to be held at St. Lawrence, Liverpool, West Street on Wednesday 12th June at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only.



South Coast Airways hostesses Geraldine Dixon, left, and Vivienne Gabriel in the shadow of the DC3 Dakota

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

A REUNION of hundreds of former DC3 "trolley dollies" — air hostesses who flew on the Douglas DC3 Dakota — is planned to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the world's most venerable, and popular, passenger aeroplane.

Geraldine Dixon, 42, who flew as an air hostess for Dan Air and Jersey European before learning how to cope with the idiosyncrasies of an Air Atlantique DC3, has gone back to work on Britain's last surviving commercial

passenger "Dak" now operating charter flights from Bournemouth for newly-formed South Coast Airways.

Although her experience on the aircraft is more recent than thousands of others who flew on the workhorse of the skies immediately after the war Mrs Dixon admits already to an intense feeling of delight in the twin-engined aeroplane that first flew in commercial service in 1936.

"There is something magic about the noise made as the captain starts the engines that a jet aircraft will never be able to conjure," she said. "In flight, they

produce such a distinctive and comforting drone that everyone fondly remembers. I am sure there are many others who would love to come down to Bournemouth, see the DC3s, have afternoon tea and just talk about how flying has changed."

Her husband Andrew set up South Coast Airways in April after buying from the receivers of a French airline a "Dak" which saw active service with the US Air Force during D-Day. He is now the chief pilot, flying parties of enthusiasts to air shows or taking corporate visitors on day trips around Britain and Europe.

Dinner

Old Cerdics Association

Mr Paddy Ashdown, MP, was the guest of honour at a reception held on Saturday in Chard, Somerset, to mark the 325th anniversary of the foundation of Chard School. At a dinner held afterwards, Mr Graham Chamberlain, President of the Old Cerdics Association, presided. Mr Lawrence Powell and Mr John Stoberry, Head Master, also spoke.

The Secretary General of the Commonwealth and Mrs Joyce Scrutton, YWCA, read the lessons. The Bishop of Croydon gave an address and Professor Sir Kenneth Stuart gave a eulogy.

The Rev Pearline Chambers, the Rev Anderson Jones, Mr Stephen Lewis, the Rev C. Sealy and the Rev Michael Collins also took part. A funeral service for Mr Nelson Mandela was read by Mr Bruce Knobell, Counsellor at the South Africa High Commission.

Rev H. Settimba, the Rev P. Newman, the Rev C. Davis and the Rev Phillips were robed.

During the service the National Flag of Barbados was borne in procession by Lieutenant Simon Fields of the Barbados Defence Force. It was presented by Mr Thelma Holman and Ms Margaret Harewood of the Barbados Overseas Nurses Association. Mr Ian Hall, of the Barbados International Society, played a musical tribute.

The Right Rev Canon Christopher Head, Vicar of St Helen's, Burton Joyce, Nottinghamshire, officiated.

Mr Gwyn Granger read the lesson. Miss Brenda Blayth read Rev Peter Hall's sermon. Mr Piers Mackesy, Emeritus Fellow of Pembroke College, gave an address.

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OBITUARIES

PERCY EDWARDS

Percy Edwards, MBE, bird and animal impersonator, died on June 7 aged 88. He was born on June 1, 1908.

A BROADCASTER with a unique talent, Percy Edwards could imitate the calls of more than 600 different types of bird as well as the sounds made by most well-known species of animals. For more than 70 years he delighted radio and television audiences with his skill and, though a distinguished naturalist in his own right, he always saw himself primarily as an entertainer.

It was a bird impersonator that Edwards became best known. He could yaffle like a woodpecker or mew like a kite, croon like a water rail and bellow like a bittern. For many years he beguiled audiences, both in the theatre and on the air, with the fluting music of the nightingale or the blackbird's piping song. He toured the music-halls alongside such great entertainers as George Robey, Max Miller and Charles Coburn, bringing the tunes from marsh and meadow, mountain and moorland, to urban ears.

Edwards could even imitate the cock capercaille, Britain's largest game bird, whose courtship song is one of the strangest sounds in the avian world. It begins with a resonant rattle, continues with a sound like drawing a cork and pouring liquid out of a narrow-necked bottle, and ends with a knife-grinding scrape.

But Edwards's mimicry was not limited to birds. When Laurence Olivier produced *The Rhinoceros*, Edwards was called upon to do the pachymatous puffing. He was celebrated for his role as Gregory the chicken in the BBC series *Ray's A Laugh* and Psyche the dog in the series *Life of Bliss*. In the cinema he was the voice of the whale in *Orcz: Killer Whale*, of the reindeer in *Santa Claus*, of the wolves in *A Company of Wolves* and in *Alien* he made the sounds for the monster. "I had to gargoyle for a week after that job," he said.

Percy Edwards first discovered his Doctor Dolittle-type talent for talking like the animals when he was seven. His brother had taken him to Rushmore Heath, near Ipswich, and he was dozing under the trees when he heard what he thought was a wolf-whistle. It was some time before he realised that the call came not from a person but a bird in the branches above him. It was a greenfinch, he later discovered, a sociable creature whose extensive vocabulary includes a canary-like "tscooet" and a nasal "tsweee".



For several weeks afterwards Edwards kept hearing this greenfinch and found that, with practice, he could imitate its twittering medley of calls. When the bird came into his garden one day he called to it directly, "It swooped towards me, the bright yellow bars of its outstretched wings flashed." Edwards recalled. "Then it landed on a low branch, staring at me and anxiously calling back."

Shortly after that Edwards thought he heard a starling talking to him. "Percy, it's you," the starling seemed to say. Though he was too shy to tell anyone this story until he wrote his book *Meet Me at Dawn*, Edwards began from then on practising mimicry based on what was to become a characteristic phonetic spelling out of

Hill. He went on to appear regularly on the BBC, often with other bird-watching television personalities, most notably Max Miller and Eric Morecambe. Edwards became a household name after his animal imitations in the radio shows *Rays A Laugh* and *Life of Bliss*. He played a dog with a Suffolk accent for Hinge and Brackett, and at other times he was called upon to imitate creatures as diverse as mountain lion, mule and grizzly bear. By the time he finally retired in 1989, after a nearly sixty-year career as an animal mimic, he had made hundreds of broadcasts for the BBC.

He also appeared regularly in cinema, although he said, he was rarely credited, because film-makers were coy about owing up to the use of an animal impersonator. But his voice can be heard in such films as *The Belstone Fox* and *The Dark Crystal*.

Edwards never stopped adding to his repertoire of bird and animal sounds. It was a never-ending task, he used to say. The chaffinch, for example, one of Britain's most common birds, has 13 different calls in addition to its song. Even its young have two different types of begging call, one before they fledge and one after.

However, though among Britain's native songbirds the starling is the most gifted mimic, it was for the tiny wren that Edwards felt most affection. Being only 5 ft 6 in himself, he had a fellow-feeling for this bird, he said. "The wren compensates for its size by having a voice that can be heard from a considerable distance. Perhaps that is one reason why I have spent so much of my life learning to whistle."

Edwards was a gentle, unassuming and soft-spoken man. He was particularly good at explaining things to children and was able to talk to them on their level. He always emphasised, too, that he had no power over the birds he seemed to speak to. "They sing because they think a rival is on their territory," he explained.

Edwards retired in 1989 and in 1993 he was appointed MBE for his services to ornithology and entertainment.

Throughout his life he lived in Suffolk, in earlier years in a terraced house in Ipswich, later in a more rural home. When he and his wife first moved to the country their garden there was little more than an acre of cold, inhospitable ground. They planted a small wood and all the varieties of shrub which British birds most love. Every spring all 30 of the nestboxes which they placed there would be inhabited.

Percy Edwards is survived by his wife Cicely, and their two sons.

MAX FACTOR JR

Francis "Max" Factor Jr, make-up artist and cosmetics company executive, died in Los Angeles, California, on June 7 aged 91. He was born in St Louis, Missouri, in 1904.

FACES were green in Hollywood before Max Factor and his father came on the scene. But the Factors came to the aid of the verdant stars of the 1930s. They invented pancake make-up, a beauty aid that prevented actors from appearing green in Technicolor. It was the start of a revolution which was to change the faces of women all over the world, and make a tidy fortune for its originators.

Improving on nature was a family tradition. Factor's father, also named Max, had been private cosmetician to the Tsar of Russia before, in 1904, ominous storm clouds began to gather over St Petersburg. Perhaps sensing that a peasant revolution would provide few opportunities to practise his art, the elder Factor decamped to America with his pregnant wife.

A chemist by training, Factor Sr set up shop in St Louis, and four years later moved with his wife and young son to Los Angeles where he opened a theatrical make-up and wig business. With Hollywood about to become the film capital of the world, this proved a wise move, and young Francis joined his father in the shop as soon as he had completed his own education as a chemist.

But it was not until almost thirty years later that the name of Factor was to become a legend. Impressed by the properties of the new pancake



Factor tests a lotion formula on a model. 1950

make-up, actors began taking it home and sharing with their wives and friends. Factor's father was nearing the end of his life (he died in 1938) but he was quick to see the commercial potential of the new product. He began to put it into mass production, and soon every woman could buy the same cosmetics that adorned the faces of the stars. And they did, in their millions. Factor was to become, quite literally, the name which appeared on millions of women's lips.

On the death of his father, Francis Factor changed his name to "Max" and assumed joint leadership of Max Factor and Co with his brother.

He is survived by a son.

DON GROLNICK

Don Grolnick, jazz pianist, composer and arranger, died of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in New York on June 1 aged 48. He was born in Brooklyn on September 23, 1947.



ALTHOUGH Don Grolnick's name was less well-known than his long-term musical partners, the Brecker Brothers, he was an essential ingredient in the development of their innovative blend of jazz, rock and funk. Not only was he the keyboard player on their first records, but their first hit, *Sneaking up the Alley*, from 1975, was largely a Grolnick composition and he wrote several others among their best-known pieces.

The wider public would also have been aware of Grolnick's work without knowing it, since for almost 20 years he was the musical director, arranger and keyboard player for the singer James Taylor. Their association ended only two years ago when Grolnick decided to focus more on his jazz work.

In this Grolnick was, in what proved to be the short time available to him, remarkably successful. The band he brought to Britain for a Contemporary Music Network tour early last year was an outstanding ensemble. It included both Brecker brothers, Mike and Randy, as well as the trombonist Robin Eubanks and the drummer Peter Erskine. Their Queen Elizabeth Hall concert reached a wider public through a Radio 3 recording broadcast last May.

Grolnick grew up in the Long Island model development Levittown. Initially he studied philosophy at Tufts. But although he had taken the piano seriously, being taught by Ray Thompson, it was not until he met the saxophonist Michael Brecker at a Notre Dame University student jazz competition in 1967 that he decided to focus full-time on music. He joined Brecker in the pioneering group Dreams, which also included the trumpeter Randy Brecker and the guitarist John Abercrombie.

In the early 1970s, he began experimenting with a new style of arrangement that combined the rapid articulation of hard-bop, brass and wind playing with the rhythms of soul and funk music. "We'd jam at Don Grolnick's house," recalled Mike Brecker, "and (saxophonist) Dave Sanborn would come along, and we were aware that Randy had written something quite unique."

In a largely coincidental set of circumstances, the Brecker Brothers, including Grolnick and Sanborn, made their first records for the newly formed Arista label. The label's owner, Clive Davis, suggested that they start with a single release, rather than (as most jazz artists would normally do) an album. This was an inspired idea and caught the mood of the times, propelling the group to success. Grolnick worked with the Brecker Brothers for much of the period from 1975 until 1982, when they decided to break up the band.

During this time he was also in demand as a session and studio player for a wide

range of musicians, including Steely Dan, Roberta Flack, Carly Simon and George Benson, as well as beginning his association with James Taylor. His jazz work also continued, and he joined the vibraphone player Mike Mainieri in the pioneering group Steps, as well as making an album, *Still Warm*, in 1985 with the former Miles Davis guitarist John Scofield. This led to what was, surprisingly, the first album under Grolnick's own name: *Hearts and Numbers* in 1986, followed up by two immensely successful releases for Blue Note in 1989 and 1992.

At the time of his death he had completed another album, *Medianote*, for Warner Brothers, which will be released in August. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne O'Connor.

CAPTAIN MIKE HARVEY

Captain Mike Harvey, Colditz Castle "ghost", died on May 17 aged 82. He was born on September 29, 1913.

MIKE HARVEY was captured in the Second World War, and imprisoned in Colditz where he had remarkable experience. He and his friend Flight-Lieutenant Jack Best were concealed for more than 11 months within the castle walls without the knowledge of their captors. They were known as the "Ghosts of Colditz".

Officially Harvey had escaped on April 5, 1943, after the unsuccessful Anglo-Dutch escape of two prisoners who were caught, close to success, in the German part of the castle in German officers' uniform at the final security checkpoint. The Germans were incensed and confusion followed. Harvey and Best went into a pre-prepared hide and at the ensuing roll-call the Germans discovered they were missing and believed them to have escaped in a similar manner to the two escapers whom they had caught. The Germans accepted the situation and reported the fact to the German Army Headquarters in Berlin. From then on, the "ghosts" could perform their intended function, which was to stand in for an escaper on roll-calls, to give him time to get clear of the region before the general alarm went out.

Edward Michael Harvey joined the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth in 1927. He then served on the China station, and shortly before the outbreak of war, joined the



submarine service. He was appointed First Lieutenant of the submarine *Undine* which in the early months of the war was on patrol off Norway and in the German and Danish coastal area close to Heligoland. The region was closely surveyed by strong enemy air forces, and in addition, the Germans had covered the seabed with electronic monitoring devices against the penetration of enemy submarines.

It was on January 7, 1940, off Heligoland, that *Undine* attacked and fired torpedoes at German minesweepers at German minesweepers at German minesweepers. She missed. She was then herself heavily attacked with depth-charges by enemy anti-

submarine vessels. Severely damaged and disabled, she was forced to the surface and was scuttled by the crew. It was at this point that a sailor, who was unable to swim, was saved by Harvey's prompt action. For this he was awarded the Royal Humane Society certificate and bronze medal after the war. Harvey and Best had been in the camp all that time. They refused to tell the story.

"Harvey and Best must have escaped, then finding conditions outside too difficult, they returned to the castle of their own accord," they said, and sent a high official to investigate. The camp Kommandant was not amused. He told his security officer: "What do they think this place is? A damned hotel, where people come and go as they wish?"

Harvey had been a "ghost" for 352 days. It was a long arduous task which he endured for the benefit of others, but that was his character. He obviously could not be charged with escaping — he had not even left the castle. Instead the Kommandant de-

cided it appropriate to charge him with "being absent from 1,326 roll-calls including three Gestapo Appeals", for which he received a sentence of 28 days.

He remained in Colditz until the castle was relieved by American forces at the end of the war. He returned to his naval career as a regular officer in a cruiser on the West Indies station, followed by an appointment in 1946 in the rank of Lieutenant-Commander as captain of the frigate *St Austell Bay*. After his promotion to the rank of Commander he took up an appointment of the Boys' Training Establishment, *HMS St Vincent*. This was followed by a Naval Staff course. After he had been promoted Captain in December 1954, he was appointed Commanding Officer of the Royal Navy Air station *HMS Blackcap*.

He retired from the Navy in 1957 and joined the manufacturing company Glynval International. He served there for the next 18 years, and was finally appointed to the main board. Among his interests he enjoyed landscape painting but above all he never lost his love of the sea, and sailed extensively in the waters around Britain. He became chairman of the project organisation known as "The Norfolk Boat", and together with the Ocean Youth Club they bought a 72ft sailing yacht called *Spirit of Bodiamica*, which was run for the benefit of the young of Norfolk.

He married June (née Simpson) in 1946 and is survived by her, a son and three daughters.

Appointments
The Rev John Cowburn, Curate-in-charge, Christchurch, St George (Winchester); to be Chaplain, Diocesan Council with Deaf People (Lichfield).

The Rev Ann Easter, Assistant Curate, (NSM), Forest Gate, Emmanuel w St Peter, Upton Cross; to be also Assistant Area Dean of Newham (Chelmsford). The Rev David Goodburn, RN Chaplain, Portsmouth; to be Vicar, St Saviour (St Albans).

The Rev Ralph Griffin, Vicar, Madeley; to be Vicar, Fulford in Stone w Hildersome (Lichfield).

The Rev David Hague, Assistant Curate, Linton, St Mary; to be Vicar, Stevenage, St Peter, Broadwater (St Albans).

The Rev Victor Howlett, Hon Curate, St Matthew w St Nathaniel, Kingsdown and St Michael and All Angels, Bishopston; to be Curate to the benefice and parish of Greater Corsham (Bristol).

The Rev Grahame Humphries, Norfolk Churches Radio Officer and Priest-in-charge, Bawdsey.

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and Foxley (Norwich); to be Priest-in-charge, Mayfield and Area Local Ministry Adviser (Lichfield). The Rev Keith Jukes, Team Rector, Cannock and Vicar, Hatherton, held in plurality (Lichfield); to be also a Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral. The Rev Charles Maiden, Associate Priest, St Helen, Selston w St Mary, Westwood; to be Priest-in-charge, All Saints, Huthwaite (Southwell). The Rev James Makepeace, Team Rector, Tattenhall Regis and Rural Dean of Trysull (Lichfield); to be also a Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral. The Rev David Munchin, Assistant Curate, Golders Green, St Alban and St Michael (London); to be Precentor of the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Albans (St Albans). The Rev Roy Pearson, Vicar, All Hallows', Tottenham and Area; Kinnerton, St Michael and All Angels, Knill (Hereford). The Rev Graham Taylor, Assistant

Curate (NSM), Pickering; to be Assistant Curate (stipendiary), Whitby (York).

The Rev Michael Thompson, Hon Assistant, Christ Church, Hampstead and St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield (London); to be Vicar, Sneinton, St Stephen w St Paul and St Silas, Loxleys (Birmingham).

The Rev John Robinson, Assistant Curate, Meole Brace Holy Trinity; to be Rector, Bawburgh and Weston, Lullingfield w Hordley (Lichfield).

The Rev Rodney Smith, Priest-in-charge, Sneinton, St Matthias; to be Vicar, Sneinton, St Matthias (Southwell).

Resignations and retirements Prebendary Robert Colby, Rector, St Mary, Edwin Loach; St James, Tedstone Delamere; St Michael, Upper Sapey; St Andrew, Wolvey; St John, Whitbourne (Hereford); to retire early September. St Mary, Kingston; St Thomas Old Radnor; St Mary, Tern, in the benefice of Cheshire. Childs Eric, Hales, Hindstock and Sambrook (Lichfield).

The Rev Glenys Lloyd, Resident Minister, Childs Eric and Stoke on Tern, in the benefice of Cheshire. Childs Eric, Hales, Hindstock and Sambrook (Lichfield); has retired on grounds of ill health.

THE POPE'S LIFE IN THE VATICAN

SETTING A PRECEDENT

(From Our Milan Correspondent)

Some interesting particulars have now come to light of the private life of Pope Pius XI in the Vatican. Whenever a new Pope is made, there is always a curiosity to know how he is adapting himself to his voluntary seclusion, and what habits he preserves of his previous life. Of the present Pope one can say that he confirms the opinion held by all those who knew him well and used to admire his austerity and simplicity. His Holiness has chosen for his private apartments seven rooms on the third floor overlooking the Piazza San Pietro. These are furnished with the greatest simplicity, there being no carpets, no curtains and no sign of luxury. In the bed-room there is a brass bedstead, above which hangs a picture of The Madonna of the God Counsel; a mahogany chest of drawers, a small writing table, with a crucifix standing upon it. No books or reviews are to be seen. The Pope lives entirely isolated in his private apartments, where no guard is on duty either during the day or at night. Nobody sleeps near him. He has three servants, who take turns

ON THIS DAY

June 10, 1922

Pope Pius XI was orderly in his habits and liked a clear desk, but the Cardinals did not much care for his housekeeper being La Signora Linda, even if she were elderly

daily in waiting upon him. But he is particularly looked after by an old woman, whose introduction into the Vatican broke a long tradition, and aroused no little criticism among the Pope's entourage. This woman, commonly called La Signora Linda, who is now over sixty years of age, had been for forty years the faithful maid and companion of the mother of the Pope. She was an orphan, and Signora Linda took her out of a convent when still a girl. When Signora Linda died, Linda, being alone, re-entered a convent; but when Cardinal Ratti came to Milan as Archbishop of the diocese he recalled her and made her his housekeeper. A few months later, the Arch-

bishop was elected Pope, and Linda was on the point of returning to the convent when a telegram arrived from Rome ordering her to go and live at the Vatican. The decision of Plus XI met with the respectful resistance of the Cardinals. "A woman in the Vatican, Your Holiness?" it was remarked to him. "None of your predecessors has ever done such a thing."

"Well," was the reply, "we will set a precedent for our successors!" The result is that Signora Linda lives now in the Vatican on the third floor of the wing looking towards Montemario. Her official title is Mistress of the Wardrobe

